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FOUR SOUTH AFRICANS NOT TRACEABLE

BENGALURU: BBMP and health department officials are trying to trace four South Africans who flew into Bengaluru two weeks ago, but are not traceable now. Officials say that many travellers from high-risk countries had arrived in Bengaluru much before the state government issued norms making negative RT-PCR test report mandatory, besides a test on arrival. BBMP has sought police help to find them. **P3**

EXPRESS READ

5 MLAs in Bihar refuse to recite nat'l song

Patna: Five MLAs of Asasuddin Owaisi-led AIMIM on Friday refused to recite the national song on concluding day of the winter session of the state legislature on Friday, triggering sharp reaction from the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party | **P10**

With Omicron, strict Covid norms back

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

WITH two cases of Omicron variant of Covid-19 detected in Bengaluru and clusters forming in educational institutions, the Karnataka government on Friday issued fresh guidelines, making it mandatory for parents, who are sending their children to schools and colleges, to be fully vaccinated. Also, double-dose vaccination is a must for entering malls and cinema halls.

The guidelines, issued after Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai's meeting with experts to discuss the state's strategy to contain the Covid spread, stated that educational institutions should postpone all cultural events till January 15.

After the meeting, Revenue Minister R Ashoka said the government is taking measures for proactive monitoring, surveillance and focused implementation of five-fold strategy of test, track, treat, vaccination and adherence to Covid-appropriate behaviour to prevent the spread of the new variant in the state.

Acknowledging that the situation is grave, the government is bringing back the system that was in place during the second wave of the pandemic. It includes increasing the number of tests to one lakh a day, oxygenated beds, oxygen plants, reactivating oxygen transportation system, ensuring the availability of medicines, restarting state control room, appointing nodal officers and giving emphasis on contact tracing.

Ashoka said the double-dose vaccination for parents of students below 18 years old has been made mandatory as the number of cases in educational institutions is rising. **CONTINUED ON: P4**

JAB-O-METER
TAKE YOUR SHOT
Dec 02: 6,621,382 doses
Dec 03: 66,58,055 doses
TOTAL: 1,26,44,92,187

NATIONWIDE	DEC 02	DEC 03	KARNATAKA	DEC 02	DEC 03
Fresh cases	9,765	9,216	Fresh cases	363	413
Recoveries	8,548	8,612	Recoveries	191	256
Deaths	477	391	Deaths	3	4



A health worker at Kempegowda bus station adjusts the mask of an elderly woman in Bengaluru on Friday | SHIRIRAM BN

TAKING ON THE VARIANT	
	Parents of children below 18 years, going to school/college, to be compulsorily vaccinated with two doses
Two doses of vaccine must to enter malls, cinema halls, theatres	All govt employees to be fully vaccinated
Maximum 500 people allowed at gatherings, meetings, conferences; organisers responsible for enforcing Covid-appropriate behaviour	
₹250 fine for not wearing masks in municipal corporation areas, ₹100 in other areas	Cultural activities, functions in educational institutions to be postponed till Jan 15, 2022
	Compulsory testing of health workers, senior citizens, people with comorbidities to be taken up by health dept

Random Covid tests on college students and school children once in 15 days

Hotel and restaurant staff, shopkeepers of malls, markets, cooks, door delivery staff, industrial workers, office workers, pub and bar staff members, attendants in malls, cinema halls, those in crowds and workers of Anganawadi centers shall also under go random tests once in 15 days

As fuel sales go up after tax cut, revenue loss to state minimised

BANSY KALAPPA @ Bengaluru

IT has been a month since the state government cut taxes on fuels, which Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai had said would lead to a revenue loss of Rs 2,000 crore to the state exchequer. However, the cut in fuel prices has led to nearly a 10-fold increase in the sales of petrol and diesel, minimising losses to the state.

In November, revenues from fuel sales were up by approxi-

mately Rs 200 crore. "The consumption and sales tax collection of oil companies is also more as compared to last year," Commercial Taxes Commissioner C Shikha told *TNIE*.

On November 4, soon after the government announced the cuts, she had said that the revenue loss would be made up with the increase in consumption which has come true.

Karnataka had reduced the taxes and levies by about Rs 7 per litre of petrol and diesel,

while the Centre had effected a cut of around Rs 5.

BT Manohar, Chairman, state GST committee, said, "With the fuel rate cut, the consumption has increased. This has resulted in an increase in revenues from fuel sales."

Despite heavy rain and inclement weather, the fuel sales were up in November. The consumption will only go up over the next few months with the weather expected to ease up, sources said. **CONTINUED ON: P7**

NAVY DAY

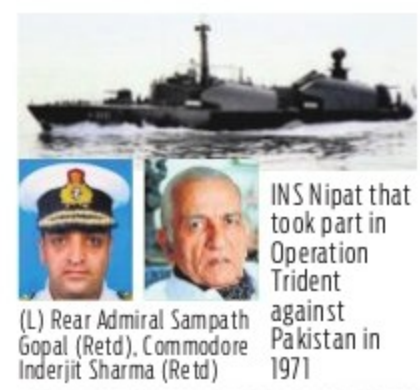
Trident's killer blow on Pakistan navy

PRIYANKA CHANDANI

ON December 2, 1971, when Rear Admiral S R Sampath Gopal (Retd) and Commodore Inderjit Sharma (Retd) along with other crew members were ordered to sail out of Mumbai harbour to the south of Saurashtra port in Diu and then to Okha, little did they know their mission would be commemorated as Navy Day each year.

For, a day after the war with Pakistan began, their audacious attack, code named Operation Trident, dealt a huge blow on the enemy's navy. It has been 50 years since the 14-day war, which shaped the course of not just India's history but altered the geography of the subcontinent, forming a new nation — Bangladesh.

"It was perhaps the only action we saw, that too immedi-



ately after getting commissioned in Indian Navy. It made a lot of impact on our outlook and attitude to service," recalls Rear Admiral Gopal.

Undertaken as a moral war to liberate people from the East Pakistan, the naval operation took place under the cover of darkness after Pakistan launched a pre-emptive attack on seven Indian airfields on December 3. Indian Navy's Osa class boats of

the 25th missile vessel squadron that comprised Nipat, Nirghat, Kachall, Kiltan and Veer were chosen for the operation due to their lethality, high speed and small radar cross-section. Two of the boats were towed to Okha from Mumbai because they could not sail beyond 250 knots.

"We were asked to sail on December 2 and anchored in Diu. We were waiting for orders till December 3. In the evening, Prime Minister Indira Gandhi declared war, and then we were asked to execute Operation Trident. On the afternoon of December 4, five of us (boats and crew), assembled in Dwarka and the operation was to be executed the same night. The combined briefing was done and we were not to break any radio signals so we kept all the briefing close to each other," recalls the Rear Admiral. **P9**

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IT'S BACK TO SEALING CONTAINMENT ZONES

Palike slammed for barricading Omicron +ve doc's house; to stamp hands of those residing in cluster zones



A road barricaded in Konanakunte where the doctor who tested positive for Covid-19 with the new Omicron variant resides. BBMP has come in for sharp criticism for the move. | ASHISH KRISHNA HP

BOSKY KHANNA @ Bengaluru

As BBMP officials blocked a road in Konanakunte and put up a board in front of the house of a doctor who has been tested positive for Omicron variant of Covid, local residents and experts criticised the move saying that identifying a Covid patient is a violation of the rule set by the Indian Medical Association.

BBMP officials on Thursday night sealed 6th cross, 7th main, in RBI Layout with tapes, blocking the stretch after the 46-year-old doctor, who works at a reputed hospital, tested positive for Omicron. There are 15 houses on the road.

After the criticism, BBMP officials formally announced that sealing of containment and cluster zones will be done henceforth. They reasoned that it is being done because of fluctuating Covid cases and Omicron being more infectious

than other Covid variants.

A BBMP official said that the Palike is also planning to re-start stamping the hands of all those residing in containment and cluster zones for easy identification and tracing.

"The idea is not to identify, demean or shame anyone, but to ensure the safety of other residents. There are over 60 clusters in Bengaluru, and we were lenient. But now even the chief minister and health minister have asked people to be cautious and take all required measures," the official said.

He reasoned, "People have left us no choice. They are lethargic and careless. We have to take stringent measures." M Ramakrishna, Bommanahalli Zone, Joint Commissioner, said the road was sealed late on Thursday night and will stay for seven days. All basic facilities and support will be provided to the residents, he added.

Vax target: 100% in next 10 days in Bengaluru, suburbs

The district administrations of Bengaluru Urban and Rural have set a target of 10 days to complete the second dose of vaccination of the eligible population in semi-urban areas outside BBMP limits, and in rural areas. To achieve this, water supply department employees have been roped in along with other frontline warriors. Meanwhile, the door-to-door vaccination campaign is being intensified. Bengaluru Urban DC J Manjunath told TNIE that 85% of the eligible population has taken the second dose in areas outside BBMP limits, and the vaccination drive is being further intensified.

Payments for Covid-19 test at KIA made easy

S LALITHA @ Bengaluru

THE mandatory Covid-19 tests which passengers from high-risk countries need to undergo at the Kempegowda International Airport have been simplified from Friday. The Air Suvidha portal of the Ministry of Civil Aviation and the Union Health and Family Welfare Department, has allowed for online payment of the test fee from the originating airport itself.

The state's Covid-19 Nodal Officer for Bangalore International Airport Ltd (BIAL), C Shikha told TNIE, "The RT-PCR test pre-booking link has been integrated with the Air Suvidha portal. Passengers can make the payment at the boarding airport itself through the portal." When the application is successfully submitted by the passenger, the booking link gets displayed on the final page, she added.

Flyers, particularly on international routes, face payment issues when they land. "There may be network issues when trying to pay through phones or debit cards. By ensuring that they can pay from the departing country, we are making the process very simple for them," she said.

Nearly 90% of flyers opt for

the rapid or express RT-PCR test, which costs Rs 3,000 and gives results within an hour. A regular test costs Rs 500 and it takes between 5 and 6 hours for the results to come through. The BIAL has also improved wi-fi connectivity at the airport, she said.

In another big relief for flyers arriving from Friday, 50 new Abbott ID machines for express RT-PCR arrived at the airport. H Gautam, General Manager of Auriga Research Centre, which conducts Covid tests at the airport, said, "We started with seven machines and got three the following day. With the 50 that arrived on Friday, we now have 60 machines to carry out the Rapid test. We have also increased our manpower at the centre."

BIAL to bear cost of random testing

The BIAL has decided to bear the cost of random tests on 2% of visitors from other countries (not at high risk), Shikha said. A BIAL spokesperson confirmed this saying, "Starting Friday, we will bear the costs for flyers selected randomly to undergo Covid tests." The move to make passengers bear the cost had generated angry responses from flyers on social media.



Fifty new Abbott ID machines for express RT-PCR have arrived at the Kempegowda International Airport on Friday. | EXPRESS

Illegal battery units razed in Anekal taluk

BALA CHAUHAN @ Bengaluru

IN one of the biggest crackdowns on illegal lead acid battery processing units in the state, the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) has identified and demolished 13 such units in interior villages of Anekal taluk in suburban Bengaluru. These illicit units had mushroomed over a period of time and were threatening to be the worst environmental polluters. The unscientific method of crushing lead acid batteries is a grave threat to soil, water and environment as they contain heavy metals. Lead is the most prevalent heavy metal contaminant.

"We have identified and demolished 13 units which processed used lead acid batteries between December 2 and 3. They were operating illegally at Kadujakkanaahalli, Bommanahalli, Vadarahalli and Chinnahalli villages in Jigani hobli, Anekal taluka," KSPCB member-secretary Srinivasulu told TNIE. On Thursday, the joint team demolished five illegal units at Hullahalli, Ramsagar, Seetahalli and Giddanahalli villages in Jigani hobli.

Giving details of the illegal units, Srinivasulu said that the operators buy used batteries from scrap and other dealers between Rs 95 and Rs 100 a kg. "They crush them unscientifically, use boilers to extract lead alloy and sell lead back to bat-



An illegal lead acid battery processing unit

tery dealers for Rs 150-175 per kg. Their operating cost is around Rs 2 per kg," he added. "They crush the batteries and dump the waste, which contains heavy metals and sulphuric acid. This gets mixed in the soil and contaminates it. While boiling to extract lead alloy, the fumes from the chimney, which can spread up to 2 km radius, pollute the air. Lead is poisonous and can affect crops. Washing of plastic in the batteries is also an environmental hazard," he said.

Srinivasulu said that the KSPCB will prosecute the offenders, including the land owners who have let out their land for the illegal units under Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, Water (Prevention and Control) Act, 1974 and Environment (Protection) Act, 1986. "We would like to send a strong message to criminals. The crackdown will also help the legitimate factories, which have been set up to extract lead from used batteries," he added.

Offline classes to go on at pvt schools, colleges

PEARL MARIA D'SOUZA @ Bengaluru

Colleges and schools are working normally and waiting for guidelines from the government for further action, as Covid clusters are emerging especially in colleges and hostels. Amid the clusters of COVID cases emerging out of educational institutions.

"Right now, we are following the protocols that were laid, and the number of students per room in hostels has been reduced to one. All students are vaccinated and both theory and practicals are being held simul-

taneously," said M Brindha, Vice Principal, MVJ College of Engineering.

Concurring, Elizabeth Jasmine, Associate Professor of Psychology & Principal of Indian Institute of Psychology & Research, said the college is not permitting gatherings beyond a certain number.

Principal of St Joseph's College Victor Lobo said that at the moment, there is no problem on campus as students are allowed both, online and offline options to at-

tend classes.

Bengaluru City University Vice-Chancellor Lingaraju Gandhi said communication from the government is awaited for any changes in functioning, whereas colleges have been informed now to hold cultural events. Examinations for postgraduate students in colleges under BCU are over. Approval of admissions for undergraduates has just started and examinations would likely be by December-end or in January, he said.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

04th December: Time to turn the spotlight on to Mercury, the planet of bright ideas. Its coming shift lets us into the cosmos' next set of plans - and warns us to be much more determined to succeed. The general message is that our goals should be serious and idealistic, rather than designed to make a fast buck.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20) Very conveniently, today's stars are deeply sociable. You are probably a better situation than anyone else to arrange events and host parties. Don't worry about practical confusion, for other people will rally round. You may even make a virtue out of an element of mystery.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21) Your romantic life seems to be dominated by secrecy and fantasy. So, even if you seem to be confident socially, it is likely that you are holding a great deal back. Don't be surprised if others misunderstand your motives! And don't be put out if a partner plans a practical joke.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21) If current financial arrangements don't suit you, you may wish to back out. In fact, you may even be able to drop a few commitments, including emotional ones, without anybody noticing. You might conceivably see that what was once so important is now completely irrelevant.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23) You are about to discover hidden business skills, and partners may be amazed at your ability to take shrewd decisions. A temporary obstacle or hold-up should pass fairly quickly, largely thanks to your own sensible attitudes. Oh, and don't take trivial matters too seriously.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23) Colleagues, friends and relations all have their own ideas. Don't expect other people to roll over and say 'yes' to your every whim. It is essential that partners criticise your plans, for this is the only way that you'll work out exactly what you want.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23) The whole progress of events is now determined not by what you want, but by what others are doing. Look, listen and learn, for events beyond your control will throw up extremely useful opportunities. You might be aware of a friend's change of attitude before long.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23) You are skilled in the art of compromise, but even your diplomatic talents could be stretched to the limit. It's always difficult being a perfectionist, and now you may have to consider backing down on a point of principle. Remember, compromise is a virtue.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22) You are in a decisive mood, but hidden pitfalls are everywhere. Social activities should be based around shared interests. Even a romantic relationship could blossom if you show enthusiasm for a loved one's favourite hobby, even if you do have to put on a forced smile!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22) Mars makes its ambitious way around your chart, proclaiming that whatever the emotional complications, you can use your time in no better way than to get to grips with practical chores. The last thing you want to do at the moment is waste your time dealing with pointless rumours.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20) Family gatherings should be at the top of the agenda, as should any improvements in domestic decor and decorations. Once you are happy that you have a pleasant place to relax, you will be able to tackle worldly ambitions. If you're in the right place at the right time you might even hear the news that changes your life!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19) You may hold the centre stage and occupy all the time and space you need to get your point across. There is still plenty to be accomplished at home and, whatever you think, you are now entering a busy phase, with commitments and responsibilities piling up.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20) It will do you good to spend a little time by yourself, dwelling on the past and planning the future. You may allow your spiritual aspirations and selfless instincts to dictate the pace, rather than any promise of immediate gain. Selfishness doesn't suit you!

THE PHANTOM



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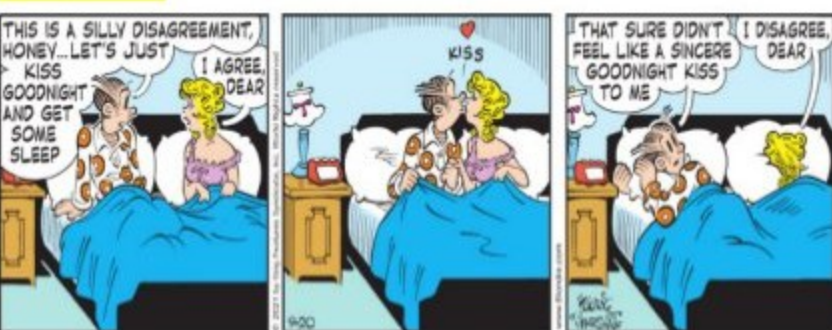
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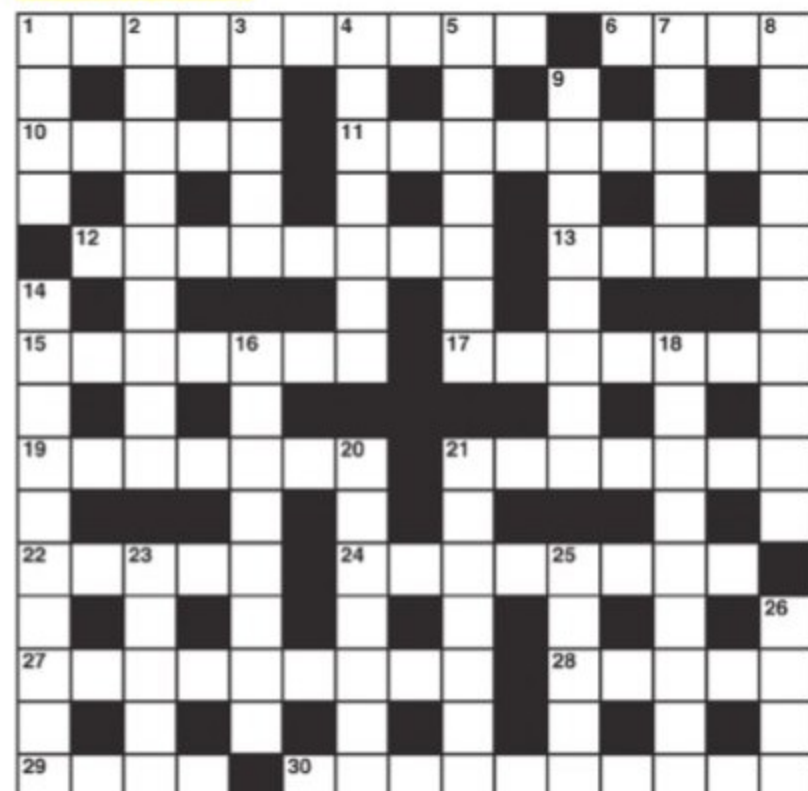
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- Question on the cause of inflation? (4)
- New rates set for rents (5)
- Leaps out of bed perhaps (7)
- They give judgment on strikes (7)
- Apocalypse embodied in various agencies (5)
- Ugea swell to become a publicity man (5,5)
- Bully one who works around a cattery (8)
- Armstrong dub like a rest from it (5,5)
- Receives news about the plants (8)
- Engaged in current affairs? (2,3,4)
- Acts in a degrading way (7)
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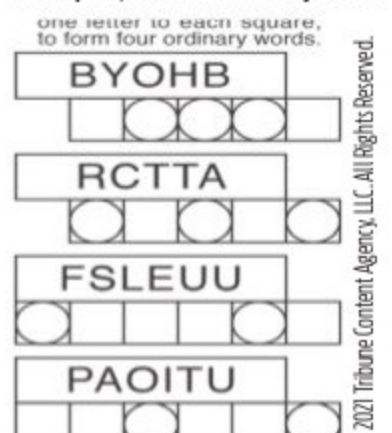
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YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

- Across: 1. Leather, 5. Husky, 8. Sender, 9. 10 Rate, 12. One-sided, 14. Touchy, 15. Pried, 17. Subtract, 18. Stop, 21. Ave, 22. Reminate, 24. Ellen, 25. Dessert.
- Down: 1. Luster, 2. Acc, 3. Hied, 4. Riding, 5. Hardship, 6. Spindrift, 7. Yiddled, 11. Thumbail, 13. Sheraton, 14. Testate, 16. Scored, 19. Pleat, 20. Miss, 21. Ave.

JUMBLE

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Kneuk
Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon

Ans. here:
ANSWERS TOMORROW

YESTERDAY'S Jumbles: SHRUG, UPPER PRIMER, INFAMY

ANSWER: After learning how to say "hello" in four languages, her parents gave her - "HI" PRAISE



DURATION OF PANDEMIC
1 YEAR, 269 DAYS

CASES REPORTED
Today: **413** | Yesterday: **363**

TALLY
Today: **29,97,246**
Yesterday: **29,96,833**

DEATHS Today: **4**
DISCHARGES Yesterday: **256**
Yesterday: **191**

ACTIVE CASES
Today: **6,896**
Yesterday: **6,743**

POSITIVITY RATE Today: **5.59%**
MORTALITY RATE Yesterday: **1.27%**
Yesterday: **5.60%** Yesterday: **1.27%**

RECOVERY RATE Today: **98.49%**
Yesterday: **98.49%**

DISTRICT-WISE COVID CASES
LAST 24 HOURS

Bengaluru Urban	212
Bengaluru Rural	5
Bagalkot	0
Ballari	1
Belagavi	2
Bidar	0
Chamarajanagar	3
Chikkaballapur	1
Chikkamagaluru	2
Chitradurga	2
Dakshina Kannada	10
Davanagere	2
Dharwad	18
Gadag	0
Hassan	11
Haveri	8
Kalaburagi	1
Kodagu	0
Kolar	0
Koppal	0
Mandya	2
Mysuru	45
Raichur	0
Ramanagara	0
Shivamogga	33
Tumakuru	30
Udupi	19
Uttara Kannada	6
Vijayapura	0
Yadgir	0

SEARCH INTENSIFIES FOR 4 SOUTH AFRICANS IN B'LURU

Reached city two weeks ago, are now incommunicado; health officials tracing all international passengers who arrived in the last 2 weeks

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

FOUR South Africans who flew into Bengaluru two weeks ago, are now not traceable. This has become a matter of worry for BBMP, health and police officials.

Officials say that many people from high-risk countries had arrived in Bengaluru much before the state government

imposed orders that all international travellers must carry a negative RT-PCR test report, and go through another test on arrival.

"As a precautionary measure and a routine exercise, we started tracing all international travellers who came into the city in the past two or three weeks, especially from high-risk countries. On Friday

morning, while tracing the travellers, we found that 10 South Africans were not traceable. But as the day progressed, we could track them. Now, four travellers are not traceable, and we are seeking police help to find them," said a BBMP health official.

BBMP Chief Commissioner

Gaurav Gupta said from the time the new variant was reported, negative test reports and double vaccination certificates had become mandatory. The 10 South African travellers had been traced and quarantined, and their samples taken again. If they test positive, they will receive immediate medical

attention.

Health Minister Dr K Sudhakar said, "To ensure there are no untoward incidents, we will give more preference to tracing international travellers." He also ordered international travellers not to switch off their mobile phones or go incommunicado.

Officials said the exercise of filing cases and sending people

to jail under the Disaster Management and Epidemics Act will now come into effect. "The rules were not being implemented after unlocking began, but are being brought back with the Omicron variant being reported. Stern action will be taken if anyone who gives Covid-19 samples or has symptoms is not traceable," asserted a senior health official.

Karnataka prepares for third SA traveller's swab sent for sequencing

CHETANA BELAGERE @Bengaluru

WITH the discovery of two Omicron cases, Karnataka is preparing for a possible third wave. As per the advice of the Covid Technical Advisory Committee, a special ICU unit and ward is being set up for Omicron patients.

Minister for Health and Medical Education Dr K Sudhakar on Friday held a detailed video conference with directors of medical colleges on a possible third wave, and treatment related to the Omicron variant. After the meeting, the minister told reporters that medical colleges across the state have been instructed to make necessary preparations if the third wave affects Karnataka.

He said 21 medical colleges are offering health services at the district level. Everyone, including the HoD, professors and senior doctors of medical colleges, have been advised to rise to the occasion and provide effective treatment. They can also avail the help of resident doctors and final-year medical students, Sudhakar said.

He explained that during the first and second waves, the state



A health worker takes a swab sample of a commuter in Bengaluru on Friday | SHIRAM BN

had faced a shortage of nurses to treat those in ICUs. "Now we have about 18,000 nurses who are in final-year nursing, and paramedics. Officials have been asked to provide one month's training in collaboration with the Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences and other institutions," said Sudhakar.

SPECIAL ICU, WARD FOR PATIENTS WITH OMICRON VARIANT

As per the advice of the Covid TAC, a special ICU and ward will be provided for those infected with Omicron. Those infected with Delta will be treated in a separate ward. The number of beds and ICUs to be reserved will be decided soon, he said.

PAEDIATRIC ICUs GETTING READY

Sudhakar said officials have been instructed to prepare ICUs for children. "We've got information on all necessary equipment and other systems which are required. Issues raised by institutions are also being addressed, and solutions provided for issues flagged by them," he said.

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

A TRAVELLER from South Africa, who landed in Bengaluru on Wednesday, tested positive for Covid-19 and his swab samples have been sent for genome sequencing to determine whether he is infected with the Omicron variant of the virus.

"Since he is from a high-risk country, the samples have been sent for genome sequencing and he has been kept in isolation. He has mild symptoms and is clinically out of danger," BBMP Chief Commissioner Gaurav Gupta told The New Indian Express.

Health department officials said that his contacts at the airport and on the flight are being traced. "He was doubly vaccinated and had boarded the flight with a negative report. But when he landed in Bengaluru, he tested positive. Till the genome sequence report comes, the patient will be under strict observation," a health official said.

Gupta said that the results of five other samples sent for genome sequencing are still awaited. "We have requested for the results by the weekend. Earlier, the results used to take two weeks, but now it takes one week," he added.

The five samples sent are of the primary and secondary contacts of the 46-year-old doctor who was tested Omicron-positive. Apart from him, another traveller from South Africa, who flew off to Dubai before genome test results arrived, had tested positive for the variant, the government announced on Thursday.

Health dept trying to find source of infection

CHETANA BELAGERE @Bengaluru

THE Karnataka health department is baffled about the source of infection of the Bengaluru anaesthetist who tested positive for the Covid-19 variant, Omicron. According to sources, the department on Saturday retested 163 people in the hospital where the doctor works.

Sources told TNIE that of the five primary and secondary contacts of the anaesthetist, one is his wife, two are his colleagues and two others are from the same block where the doctor works, but have not really interacted with the doctor. The others, according to health officials, developed mild symptoms on November 23.

"We again tested the 163 people, including some of the patients the doctor had interacted with before the conference. However, all of them tested negative for Covid-19," an official said, on condition of anonymity.

Meanwhile, the genome tests of these contacts are still awaited. A senior doctor from the hospital where the anaesthetist works, said it is now 13 days after the doctor tested positive, and he is doing fine in terms of illness and symptoms. He and his other contacts are in hospital only for observation.

BBMP health officials have started tracking the attendees of the two-day Cardiology Conference that was held in hybrid mode. "There were 75 doctors and five technicians at the conference. The others attended online. We have started tracing all the participants and will test them too," said a senior official.

Doctors say it is highly unlikely that the doctor's primary source of infection is someone at the conference. "It is rare that a person shows symptoms in just one day after exposure. He may have caught it elsewhere as the variant may have been in the community," an official said.

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Bagalkote will soon become an Electrical Vehicles (EV) hub when a Bengaluru dream turns into reality in the form of a manufacturing facility producing indigenous automobiles. The dream is of a young entrepreneur and his venture is branded Balan Engineering.

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After several years of calculative approach towards building a robust company, he launched his first brand - Vishwas. And today Balakrishnan's company Balan Engineering manufactures a range of electric vehicles — rickshaws, cargo mobility, agriculture use sprayers, public utility vehicles, ice cream vendor vehicles, vegetable vendors' vehicles and more are in the pipeline.

"Value for money and durability are our two guiding principles," says Balakrishnan and adds that his intention through his electrical vehicle solutions is to give higher saving within the same working circumstances for the mass working class. "Their work is the same, the hours are the same and by building a vehicle which will help them save more will offer profitable mobility," he states.

Balakrishnan's vehicles come at an affordable price point and provides 4-year warranty on the motor, controller and the battery. "This gives them confidence that we will stand by what we sell," he mentions.

And he is quick with his calculation on profitable mobility. "A diesel auto collects about Rs. 30,000 in a month but spends nearly Rs 15,000 on running, maintenance and other costs. A Vishwas collects Rs 30,000 but the expenditure is 150 units of power, which comes to a maximum of Rs 1,200 per month," he points out.

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- N Balakrishnan, Founder, Balan Engineering

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Belagavi safe, winter session as planned: Govt

Ashoka says all precautions will be taken to conduct session in Suvarna Vidhana Soudha

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

EVEN as several measures are being taken to contain the Covid-19 spread, especially after two cases of Omicron were detected in Bengaluru, the State Government on Friday made it clear that the winter session of the state legislature will be held as scheduled in Belagavi from December 13 to 24.

The session will be held in Belagavi as planned, Revenue Minister R Ashoka told the media after Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai chaired a meeting with experts to take stock of the Covid-19 situation and discuss the state's strategy to contain the spread of the new variant. "The new cases are detected in Bengaluru and there is no question of having the session here. Belagavi is safe and there is no need to worry. The session will be held by taking all precautions," Ashoka said re-



sponding to a question if holding the session will put people in the border district at risk as a large number of people from Bengaluru, including elected representatives, will be heading there for the session.

While the government has maintained that all precautions will be taken, some elected representatives and even secretariat staff have expressed apprehensions over holding the session in Belagavi at a time when Covid-19 clusters are found in educational institutions in several districts and first Omicron cases in the country were detected in the state.

Ashoka said the session was not held in Belagavi for two years and they will hold it in the district this time. A set of guidelines will be prepared for the session, he added. Separate guidelines will be issued for Christmas and New Year celebrations in the state after discussing with CM.

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R Ashoka, Revenue Minister

'Delimitation of Palike wards based on projected population unscientific'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

KPCC working president Ramalinga Reddy on Friday alleged that the Basavaraj Bommai-led BJP government is conducting the delimitation of the BBMP wards unscientifically to favour the party and its MLAs. "The delimitation should be based on the 2011 Census, but the BJP, to achieve its own agenda, has been getting it done based on projected population, which is not only unscientific, but also a mockery of democracy", he charged.

The delimitation committee, including the special commissioner, has been acting on instructions of BJP leaders to ensure favourable conditions for the party in the future polls, Reddy alleged. He demanded that the delimitation committee should include leaders from all parties, like during the delimitation of the Lok Sabha and Assembly constituencies in 2008, when JDS patriarch H D Deve Gowda, late H N Ananthakumar of BJP and Congress leader Mallikarjuna Kharge were part of it.

AAP to launch signature campaign on potholes

The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) will launch a signature campaign with regard to the 'deadly' potholes on Saturday to create awareness among the residents of Bengaluru. The party's city vice-president Naganna B T said the aim is to have a potholes-free Bengaluru. The campaign will be kicked off at 10.30 am on Saturday at Majestic Railway Station by garlanding the statue of Krantivira Sangoli Rayanna, he informed. "In ten days, we will reach out to the public in all the constituencies in the city and collect signatures from lakhs of Bengalureans against the State Government and BBMP," he warned.

Gowda campaigns aggressively in Tumakuru



JDS supremo HD Deve Gowda campaigns for his party candidate Anil Kumar who is contesting the MLC polls at Gubbi near Tumakuru on Friday

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Tumakuru

FORMER Prime Minister H D Deve Gowda, who kickstarted the second leg of his campaign for JDS candidate Anil Kumar R, a former KAS officer who is contesting the December 10 Council polls, on Friday asserted that he will continue his fight 'stubbornly' to safeguard the party from rivals who were conspiring to finishing it off. Gowda appealed to the Vokkaliga community to not to get divided in the name of sub-

sects, saying vested interests have been trying to cash in on it. "I have helped those from all Vokkaliga sects become leaders, besides Backward Classes and Minorities," he said while reeling out names.

While the JDS candidate belongs to the ST Nayaka community, the BJP has fielded the Kunchitiga Vokkaliga leader N Lokesh.

Taking part in a rally at Gubbi on Friday, Gowda regretted that despite helping Backward Class leaders such as R L Jalappa in the Chikkaballapur Lok Sabha seat and

late C N Bhaskarappa in Tumakuru, he was being branded as casteist by his rivals. Reacting to Congress leader Siddaramaiah's remarks that Gowda was an "opportunistic" for calling on Prime Minister Narendra Modi, he shot back saying, "Does he have any sense?"

"The party workers are my strength. I humbly appeal to you to teach a lesson to those who belittling the party", he said. The 88-year-old JDS patriarch also took part in several rallies across the district as the party is looking to retain the seat which it had won in 2015.

HC notice to Suraj over MLC poll nomination

ENS @ Bengaluru

ACTING on a plea seeking directions to the State Election Commission to reject the nomination papers of Suraj R, son of JDS leader HD Revanna, for the Council polls, on the ground that he had not disclosed his marital status and current account details, the Karnataka High Court issued notice to the District Electoral Officer, the State Election Commission and to Suraj.



Hearing the petition filed by K L Harish, a member of the Kunduru Grama Panchayat, Hassan district, Justice M Nagarasanna ordered the notice. It was alleged in the petition that Suraj is not qualified

to contest the election as per the Representation of People Act, as he had stated in his affidavit filed along with his nomination papers that Column No.4 (details of income of family members-spouse) is 'Not Applicable'. But he has married to one Sagarika in 2017 and has deliberately not provided any information about his marital status nor disclosed the assets and liabilities of his wife or dependent.

It was also pointed out that Suraj declared he is the partner of Chennambika Convention Hall in Holenarasipur, but he deliberately suppressed the information regarding the operation of the current account. Further hearing will be held on Monday.

With Council polls round the corner, Kalyana K'taka midday meal plan stuck

PEARL MARIA D'SOUZA @ Bengaluru

WITH the Legislative Council elections slated to be held on December 10 and the model code of conduct kicking in soon, a proposal to include Class 9 and 10 students from Kalyana Karnataka districts in the midday meal scheme, where eggs are distributed, which has been pending with the Kalyana Karnataka Region Development Board, is expected to be further delayed.

The proposal from the Primary and Secondary Education Department comes in the wake of a number of requests from School Development and Monitoring Committees, said officials. A senior official from the Kalyana Karnataka Region Development Board told

TNIE that due to election code of conduct, the proposal is now stuck. "The expenditure on the scheme is recurring. Due to the election code of conduct, the board cannot make any new approvals," the official explained.

Since top officials of the Board may also participate in the winter session at Belagavi from December 13, the proposal may see some traction only in January.

At present, the state is catering to 14,44,322 children from Classes 1-8 in seven aspirational districts — Yadgir, Raichur, Bidar, Ballari, Kalaburgi, Koppal and Vijayapura — having high prevalence of malnutrition including anaemia as per National Family

Health Survey. The Rs 39.53 crore expenditure for the egg scheme will be borne by the Central Government under its Flexifund component.

The midday meal scheme is funded by the Central and State government till Class 8. The egg scheme, if extended to older children, will require state government funding. Hence, the board has been approached for including government school students of Classes 9 and 10 in the Kalyana Karnataka region, said an education official. The development comes in the backdrop of demand for eggs in meal scheme for all students in 31 districts, and the backlash from Lingayat organisations.

Governor Thaarwarchand Gehlot being greeted at the famous Sri Krishna Temple in Udipi on Friday. Sri Ishapriya Theertha of Paryaya Sri Admar Mutt welcomed the Governor for the 'Paryaya Mahotsava' which will be held in the temple town in January, 2022. The Governor also visited Sri Mookambika temple in Kollur



Poorna Mandala's 50-yr celebrations on December 26

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

THE Janaseva Poorna Mandala will hold 50-year celebrations on December 26, where Governor Thaarwarchand Gehlot and Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) All India General Secretary Dattatreya Hosabale will participate.

Speaking to the media on Friday, the Janaseva Vidya Kendra administration said the institution has been teaching through the gurukula system, with the concept of 'Indianness in Education'.

They told the media on Friday that they have taken their concept to 20 villages through service-based activities in and around 90 villages, through different programmes around Channanahalli on Magadi Road.

They started with Shishu Bharati to Shodha Bharati, and said they are inculcating traditional Indian values through education, and also called for support to make the occasion memorable.

Araga lashes out at cops in viral video

ENS @ Shivamogga

In a video that has now gone viral, Home Minister Araga Jnanendra has purportedly been venting his ire against the police for not preventing illegal transportation of cows.

"The police are taking bribes like dogs even though they are being paid handsome salaries," the minister can be heard saying. He has alleged that the police were not arresting those who were

transporting cows illegally. He was reportedly talking over the phone from his house at Guddekoppa village in Thirthahalli taluk on Thursday to a police officer posted in Chikkamagaluru.

In the purported video, the minister, who was with his supporters, can be heard saying, "Your staff eat bribes like dogs and keep mum even though they know who the

culprits are. Don't they have any self-respect? Should I continue as Home minister or not? The police in Chikkamagaluru and Shivamogga have become so corrupt. We are paying them good salaries and there is no need for them to make ends meet by accepting bribes."

Jnanendra's phone was switched off when TNIE tried to contact him for his reaction.



Govt removes age limit for Covid-19 relief

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

THE State Government on Friday amended its earlier order on providing Rs 1 lakh each for Below Poverty Line families which lost an adult working member to the Covid-19 pandemic, by removing the age limit. As per the new order, compensation will be given to BPL families which lost a member, irrespective of their age. In June, then CM B S Yediyurappa had announced the Rs 1 lakh compensation.

According to the new order issued by Deputy Secretary to the Revenue Department, the word "working" has been removed and compensation will be paid to BPL families if any of their kin, irrespective of their age, succumbed to Covid-19. The compensation has to be paid to the nominee concerned of the deceased. Those who apply for the compensation have to produce documents of the deceased, including Covid positive test report and, in case of victims who were treated for Covid-19 even after their test result came negative, a report issued by a clinical radiologist has to be submitted to taluk or district health officer. Other documents include a copy of the victim's Aadhaar card and ration card.



A health worker administers Covid-19 vaccine to a woman in KR Market, Bengaluru, on Friday | SHRIRAM BN

11 students test +ve in Kodagu

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Madikeri

ELEVEN students of the Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan Kodagu Vidyalaya (BVBKV) in Madikeri have tested positive for Covid-19. Sources confirmed that the students are asymptomatic and are in home isolation.

On November 27, a Class 8 student tested positive for Covid-19. On November 29, another student from the same class tested positive. Following this, the school management tested all Class 8 students and the re-

sults were obtained on Friday, confirming that nine more students had contracted Covid-19.

"I, along with Deputy Commissioner BC Sateesha and other district officials, visited the school. We have ordered the management to conduct tests on all the students from classes 6 to 10," District Health Officer Dr Venkatesh told TNIE. Meanwhile, school management representatives confirmed that the students are asymptomatic and are in home isolation. Earlier in the week, two students of Class 7 at the St Joseph's Convent in Madikeri had tested positive for Covid-19.

DKS slams govt over delay in compensation

CHIKKAMAGALURU: KPCC president DK Shivakumar on Friday hit out at the State Government over the issue of providing compensation to the kin of Covid-19 victims. Addressing the media in Chikkamagaluru, Shivakumar said that the Rs 1 lakh announced as compensation was yet to be released. "More than four lakh people died of Covid-19 across the country in the two waves. In Karnataka, the compensation is yet to be released. Officials are demanding bribes to issue death certificates," he charged. "Omicron spread could have been contained by banning international flights," he said. Taking a dig at the State Government over the letter written by the Karnataka State Contractors' Association to the PM alleging that officials and elected representatives demanded a 40% commission to get work sanctioned, he said the state administration had completely collapsed. ENS

Strict vigil along districts bordering Kerala, Maha

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STRICT surveillance in districts adjoining Kerala and Maharashtra will continue and international travellers arriving in the state will be tested at the airports. They will be allowed to go out only after their reports come negative, he said. Instructions have been given to set up more testing units at airports and passengers can take the Abbott test by paying Rs 3,000. One can register for the test while booking the air ticket and it will save time, he advised.

"The containment measures will come into force immediately and will be in force until further orders," the government order stated.

Probe into test anomaly

Ashoka said a probe has been ordered into the Covid test reports of a South African national, who left the country even as his genome sequencing report was awaited that ulti-

mately turned out to be Omicron positive. He had isolated at a hotel in the city and left the country after his second Covid test came as negative. One test report was positive, while the other was negative. The lab must be investigated, he said.

The police will investigate if there was any mishandling, and wrongdoing, he said and added that Bengaluru Police Commissioner Kamal Pant has been directed to order the probe.

Karnataka has reported two cases of Omicron, including the 66-year-old South African. The other is a 46-year-old doctor from a reputed hospital in Bengaluru.

Experts have been asked to look into details of the two Omicron patients and suggest measures to the government. Reports indicate that the patients only had mild symptoms. Apart from two cases in Karnataka, around 400 people have tested Omicron positive in other countries, he said.

A 35-year-old woman was found drowned in the Battarahalli lake in KR Puram on Friday morning. There were no external injuries on the body and a case of unnatural death has been registered, police said. The deceased has been identified as Mallamma, a labourer and a widow

HC orders probe into woman's 'suicide'

Points out several lacunae in investigation, tells police they have three months to do so

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

THE Karnataka High Court has directed the city police to conduct further investigation into the alleged murder of a woman that was allegedly projected to be a death by suicide.

It was alleged that the marriage of the petitioner's daughter Khushboo Nimbalkar took place with Amit Sheshrao Tayade on January 29, 2015, and that the relationship between her and her in-laws as well as husband was not good right from the start. After about 18 months of marriage, the woman is al-



leged to have committed suicide by hanging in August 2016.

Pointing out several lacunae in the investigation conducted by the Hebbal police, Venkatesh P Dalwai, counsel of the petitioner, contended that the police have "conducted shoddy investigation".

THE HC In counter, the government advocate submitted that the investigation was conducted in its entirety and the police did not fine any offence of murder.

Acting on the petition filed by Bhaskar Rao Nimbalkar from Chattisgarh, father of the deceased woman, alleging shoddy probe by the Hebbal Police, Justice M Nag-aprasanna passed the order.

"I direct further investigation to be conducted at hand and a supplementary report to be placed before the trial court," the judge said while directing the city police to conclude the probe within three months.

The court said a friend of the deceased, Karan Kashyap, with whom the deceased had the last chat, had also deposed that the woman had stated that her husband tried to kill her three times by throttling her neck. The print-out of the chat was handed over to the Investigating Officer by Karan. This was neither considered nor reflected in the final report, the court said. "It is also surprising as to why the dying declaration of the deceased was not recorded."

HC bids adieu to Justice Sudhindrarao

Justice N K Sudhindrarao, known for his anti-corruption zeal, was given a farewell on his retirement as judge of the Karnataka High Court on Friday. Justice N K Sudhindrarao had sent former Chief Minister B S Yeddyurappa to jail by denying him bail in an illegal land deal when he was Special Judge of the Lokayukta Court in 2011. Rao said the journey has been a struggle since childhood, recalling how he was the first generation advocate and graduate in his family. He was fascinated by lawyers in robes, but learnt over time that the profession was not a bed of roses -- starting as a small-time lawyer without opportunity to work under seniors. **ENS**

Cong leader surrenders, gets out on bail

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YELAHANKA BJP MLA S R Vishwanath's political rival Gopalakrishna of the Congress, who allegedly conspired to murder the former, surrendered before a court on Friday and was released on bail. Another accused, Kulla Devaraj, was also granted bail by the court.

Police said that Gopalakrishna had been absconding since Wednesday after an FIR was registered

against him in Rajanukunte police station, based on the MLA's complaint.

"He was served a notice to appear before the police but he had not turned up for inquiry. While the police were looking for him, he surrendered before the Second Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate (ACJM) court in Doddaballapur at around noon," a senior police officer said.

Gopalakrishna also moved a bail petition and the court granted him

conditional bail. Meanwhile, Kulla Devaraj, who was arrested by the Rajanukunte police on Thursday, was produced before the Second ACJM court and was granted bail.

"Both the accused have been granted bail on the condition that they have to cooperate with the investigation. While we have already recorded Devaraj's statement, Gopalakrishna will be summoned again and questioned about his involvement in the case," the officer added.



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ಟಿ. ಚೌಡಯ್ಯ ರಸ್ತೆ, ಕುಮಾರ ಪಾರ್ಕ್ ಪಶ್ಚಿಮ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು-560 020.

38 (ಡಿ) ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿಯನ್ವಯ ಮರುಮಂಜೂರಾತಿ ಮಾರ್ಗಸೂಚಿಗಳು
ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರದ ಕಾಯ್ದೆ 1976ರ ಕಲಂ 38(ಸಿ) ತಿದ್ದುಪಡೆಗೊಳಿಸಿ
ಹೊಸದಾಗಿ ಕಲಂ 38(ಡಿ) ಅನ್ನು ಸೇರ್ಪಡೆಗೊಳಿಸಿರುವ ಬಗ್ಗೆ.

ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ ಸಂವ್ಯಕ್ತಾಇ:52/ಶಾಸನ:2016 ದಿನಾಂಕ 28.05.2020ರಂತೆ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರದ ಕಾಯ್ದೆ 1976ರ ಕಲಂ 38(ಸಿ) ತಿದ್ದುಪಡೆಗೊಳಿಸಿ ಕಲಂ 38(ಡಿ) ಸೇರ್ಪಡೆಗೊಳಿಸಿ ಸರ್ಕಾರವು ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ ಹೊರಡಿಸಲಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಅದರಂತೆ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರದ ಅಂತಿಮ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ ಒಳಪಟ್ಟು, ಐ-ತೀರ್ಪು ಅನುಮೋದನೆಗೊಂಡು, ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನಕ್ಕೊಳಪಟ್ಟ ಜಮೀನಿನಲ್ಲಿನ ಅನಧಿಕೃತ ಕಟ್ಟಡಗಳನ್ನು ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಸುಗ್ರೀವಾಜ್ಞೆ ದಿನಾಂಕದಿಂದ 12 ವರ್ಷಗಳ ಒಂದೆ ವಾಸಯೋಗ್ಯ ಮನೆಗಳನ್ನು ನಿರ್ಮಿಸಿದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ಮರುಮಂಜೂರಾತಿ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಕ್ರಮಗೊಳಿಸಲು ಅವಕಾಶ ಕಲ್ಪಿಸಲಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆಯಂತೆ ಮರುಮಂಜೂರಾತಿದಾರರಿಂದ ಆಯಾ ಕಾಲಕ್ಕೆ ತಕ್ಕಂತೆ ಕಂದಾಯ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರವು ವಿಧಿಸಬಹುದಾದ ಮಾರುಕಟ್ಟೆ ಮಾರ್ಗಸೂಚಿ ದರದ ಮೌಲ್ಯ / ದಂಡವನ್ನು ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡಂತೆ ಪಾವತಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳಬೇಕಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

ಕ್ರ. ಸಂ.	ಮೂಲ ನಿವೇಶನ ಹೊರತುಪಡಿಸಿ ಕಟ್ಟಡದ ಆಳತೆ	ಪಾವತಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳಬೇಕಾದ ದಂಡ / ಮೌಲ್ಯ
1	20x30 ಅಡಿ ಅಳತೆಯವರೆಗೆ	ಮಾರ್ಗಸೂಚಿ ದರದ ಶೇ. 10 ರಷ್ಟು
2	20x30 ಅಡಿ ಅಳತೆಯ ಮೇಲೆ 30x40 ಅಡಿ ಅಳತೆಯವರೆಗೆ	ಮಾರ್ಗಸೂಚಿ ದರದ ಶೇ. 25 ರಷ್ಟು
3	30x40 ಅಡಿ ಅಳತೆಯ ಮೇಲೆ 40x60 ಅಡಿ ಅಳತೆಯವರೆಗೆ	ಮಾರ್ಗಸೂಚಿ ದರದ ಶೇ. 40 ರಷ್ಟು
4	40x60 ಅಡಿ ಅಳತೆಯ ಮೇಲೆ 50x80 ಅಡಿ ಅಳತೆಯವರೆಗೆ	ಮಾರ್ಗಸೂಚಿ ದರದ ಶೇ. 50 ರಷ್ಟು ಹಾಗೂ ಶೇ. 5 ರಷ್ಟು ನಿಗದಿತ ದಂಡ

ಮೂಲ ನಿವೇಶನಗಳಲ್ಲಿನ ಕಟ್ಟಡಗಳಾಗಿದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ಮೇಲ್ಕಂಡ ಮಾರ್ಗಸೂಚಿ ದರದ ಎರಡುಪಟ್ಟು ದಂಡ / ಮೌಲ್ಯ ಪಾವತಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳಬೇಕಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

ನಿಗದಿತ ಅರ್ಜಿ ನಮೂನೆಯೊಂದಿಗೆ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬೇಕಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

- ಜಮೀನಿನ ಮೂಲ ಖಾತೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಖರೀದಿಸಲ್ಪಟ್ಟ ಕಂದಾಯ ನಿವೇಶನದಲ್ಲಿನ ಕ್ರಯಪತ್ರಗಳ ದೃಢೀಕೃತ ಪ್ರತಿಗಳು
- ಪ್ರಾಥಮಿಕ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ ಹೊರಡಿಸಿದ ದಿನಾಂಕದಿಂದ ಈ ತಹಲೆವರೆಗೆ. ನಮೂನೆ 15ರಲ್ಲಿ ಋಣಾಧಾರ ಪ್ರಮಾಣ ಪತ್ರ
- ನಿಗದಿತ ನಮೂನೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಇತ್ತೀಚಿನ ಧಾವಟೆ/ಮಾದರಿ ಸಹಿ ಪತ್ರ (ಗೆಜೆಟ್ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಯಿಂದ ದೃಢೀಕರಿಸಲ್ಪಟ್ಟು)
- ಇತ್ತೀಚಿನ ಕಂದಾಯ ರಶೀದಿ
- ಸ್ವಪ್ರಮಾಣ ಪತ್ರ (ನೋಟರಿ ದೃಢೀಕೃತ)
- ಖಾತಾ ದೃಢೀಕರಣ ಪತ್ರ
- ಖಾತಾ ನಕಲು (Khata Extract)
- ಮಂಜೂರಾದ ಕಟ್ಟಡದ ನಕ್ಷೆ
- ನೀರಿನ ಸಂಪರ್ಕ ಕಾರ್ಯಾದೇಶ
- ವಿದ್ಯುಚ್ಛಕ್ತಿ ಸಂಪರ್ಕ ಕಾರ್ಯಾದೇಶ
- ವಾಸದ ವಿಳಾಸಕ್ಕೆ ಮುರಾವೆ (ಆಧಾರ್ ಕಾರ್ಡ್, ಮತದಾರರ ಗುರುತಿನ ಚೀಟಿ, ಪಡಿತರ ಚೀಟಿ ಮತ್ತು ಇತರೆ)
- ಎಲ್ಲಾ ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳನ್ನು ಹಾಗೂ ಶುಲ್ಕವನ್ನು ಆನ್‌ಲೈನ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರವೇ ಪಾವತಿಸತಕ್ಕದ್ದು.
- ಮೊದಲ ಹಂತದಲ್ಲಿ ಖಿಳ್ವಾನ್‌ಡರ್‌ನ್, ಆರ್.ಎಂ.ಎ., ಹೆಚ್.ಆರ್.ಬಿ.ಆರ್., ಹೆಚ್.ಎಸ್.ಆರ್. ಬಡಾವಣೆಗಳಿಗೆ ಈಗಾಗಲೇ ನೋಟೀಸ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಜಾರಿಗೊಳಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.
- ನೋಟೀಸ್ ತಲುಪಿದ 2 ತಿಂಗಳ ಒಳಗಾಗಿ ಆನ್‌ಲೈನ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸತಕ್ಕದ್ದು.

ಈ ಮೇಲ್ಕಂಡ ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳೊಂದಿಗೆ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರದ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಕಛೇರಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಸಹಾಯಕ ಆಯುಕ್ತರವರ (ಮರು ಹಂಚಿಕೆ & ಮರು ಮಂಜೂರಾತಿ) ಕಛೇರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ತೆರೆಯಲಾಗಿರುವ ಕಂಪ್ಯೂಟರ್‌ಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಆನ್‌ಲೈನ್ ಮೂಲಕವೇ ಅರ್ಜಿಗಳನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸತಕ್ಕದ್ದು.

ಸಹಾಯಕಾಧಿಕಾರಿ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಕಚೇರಿಯಲ್ಲಿರುವ

ಸಹಾಯಕ ಆಯುಕ್ತರು, ಮರು ಹಂಚಿಕೆ ಮತ್ತು ಮರುಮಂಜೂರಾತಿ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರ, ಟಿ. ಚೌಡಯ್ಯ ರಸ್ತೆ, ಕುಮಾರಪಾರ್ಕ್ ಪಶ್ಚಿಮ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಇವರನ್ನು ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

ದೂರವಾಣಿ : 23442273 / 74 ಅಂತರಿಕ : 280

ಸುಗಮಾಚ್ಛಿಯಲ್ಲಿನ ನಿಬಂಧನೆಗಳು, ಪ್ರಮಾಣ ಪತ್ರದ ವಿವರ, ಅರ್ಜಿ ನಮೂನೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಇನ್ನಿತರೇ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗಾಗಿ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರದ ಅಧಿಕೃತ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ www.bda-38d.in ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ ನಲ್ಲಿ ಸಿ

PUBLIC NOTICE

The undersigned advocate submit on behalf of my client
Pavithra W/o. Varma aged about 37 years, Rst No. 66,
 2nd Cross, Krishnaiah Layout, Itanagar, Near SBI Colony,
 Banashankari 3rd Stage, Bengaluru-560065 & another have
 filed the above petition for the death certificate of deceased by
 name **Battagowda S/o. Kange Gowda** he was died on
 08-03-2019 at Venkateswara Temple, Kengeri, Bangalore. If any
 parties who have objections may dispute regarding the same
 or appear before the court as below on or before 10/12/2021
 in Civil No. 408/2021.

BY ORDER OF THE COURT
**Sd/- SHERBETDAR, COURT OF THE
 JUDGE, CIVIL JUDGE, BENGALURU**
Smt. Meenakshi, ADVOCATE

**IN THE COURT OF DEBTS
 RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-I**
 LIC JEEVAN MANGAL BUILDING, NO.4, RESIDENCY
 ROAD, OPP. CASH PHARMACY, NEAR BISHOP
 COTTON BOYS HIGH SCHOOL, BENGALURU-560 025
O.A. 1108/2019

BETWEEN
HDFC BANK LTD., ...APPLICANT
 AND
SRI GANESH R DEFENDANTS
**SUMMONS ISSUED TO DEFENDANT UNDER RULE 22
 (W/O OF DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL PROCEDURE)
 RULES OF 1983 BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION**

To,
SRI GANESH R, S/O. SRINANJUNDAIAH
RAMALINGAM, AGED ABOUT 45 YEARS, # 111,
1ST FLOOR, 3RD CROSS, BSK 3RD STAGE,
ERANANGUDCOE, BDA LAYOUT, CHAMUNDI
NAGARA, BANGALORE, KARNATAKA-560 085
ALIAS AT: SRI GANESH R, NO.111, 1ST
FLOOR, 1ST MAIN, K. G KOPPAL, ANTI-HARA
URS ROAD, SARASWATHIPURAM, MYSORE,
KARNATAKA-570 009

AND **ALSO AT: SRI. GANESH R, NO.14,**
3RD MAIN, 3RD CROSS, NEAR PADMINI
BUTY PARLAR, GORAGUNTE PALYA,
BANGALORE NORTH, YESHWANTHUPURA,
BANGALORE, KARNATAKA-560 022

WHEREAS: the applicant has instituted an
 application under section 19 of Recovery of Debts
 Due to Banks and Financial Institution Act, 1963
 against the above defendants for the recovery of
 Sum of **Rs.42,13,685.69/- Rupees Forty Two**
Lakhs Thirteen Thousand One Hundred and
Sixty Eight Rupees and Sixty Nine Paisa only
 amount together with current and future interest,
 cost and other reliefs.

The above mentioned defendants are required to
 appear before the court directed to appear before the
 Tribunal in person or through an Advocate or
 duly instructed in support of their defence to show
 cause on **04-01-2022 at 10.30 a.m.** as why the
 reliefs prayed for should not be granted. Take
 notice that in case default of the application will be
 heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand the seal of the Tribunal on this
 the 1st day of Nov, 2021

BY ORDER OF THE TRIBUNAL
Sd/-REGISTRAR, IC
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-I, BANGALORE

Basavanagudi Branch Bangalore

APPENDIX- IV-A [See proviso to rule 8 (6)]
Sale notice for sale of immovable properties

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immoveable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Indian Bank, **BASAVANGUDI Branch, Secured Creditor**, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on **04.01.2022, for recovery of Rs.42,09,676.00 (Rupees Forty Two Lakhs Nine thousand Six Hundred Seventy Six only)** (as on 02/12/2021) due to the Indian Bank, **BASAVANGUDI branch, Secured Creditor**, from **Mr Babu George and Mrs. Girijamma V** (Name and address of the borrowers).

The specific details of the property intended to be brought to sale through e-auction mode are enumerated below:

Detailed description of the Property	Encumbrances on property
A Residential 2 BHK Apartment bearing No D-602 in the 5 th Floor, D. Block of the building constructed and known as Ramanuja Enclave with Super built up area of 1201 Sq.ft alongwith one covered car parking in the basement with proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, lift and staircase etc contained in the multi storied building constructed on the Property bearing converted land vide conversion order dated 12.04.2004 passed by the special duty commissioner (Revenue) in No. BDS, ALZN (SISR/KT):171/2003-04 in Sy No.80 of Kengeri village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk measuring 3 A/c ¼ guntas or 1,30,953 Sq.ft presently BBMP Khatha No.42601431/80, with undivided share of 520 Sq.ft right, title, interest in the land above mentioned property	Nil except Indian Bank
Reserve Price	Rs.47,72,000.00
EMD Amount	Rs.4,77,200.00
Bid incremental amount	Rs.50,000.00
Date and time of e-auction	04.01.2022
Last Date for Submission of BID	03.01.2022
Property ID No	IDIB6529735613

Bidders are advised to visit the website (www.mstcecommerce.com) of our e auction service provider MSTC Ltd to participate in online bid. For Technical Assistance Please call MSTC HELPDISK No. 033-22901004 and other help line numbers available in service providers help desk. For Registration status with MSTC Ltd, please contact ibapil@mstcecommerce.com and for EMD status please contact ibapil@mstcecommerce.com

For property details and photograph of the property and auction terms and conditions please visit <https://ibapi.in> and for clarifications related to this portal, please contact help line number "18001252026" and "011-41106131".

Bidders are advised to use Property ID Number mentioned above while searching for the property in the website with <https://ibapi.in> and www.mstcecommerce.com.

Date: 03.12.2021 Sd/-Authorized Officer,
 Place : Bangalore Indian Bank

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Bharat Bank
 Bharat Co-op. Bank (Mumbai) Ltd.
 Multi-State Scheduled Bank

POSSESSION NOTICE

WHEREAS

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Bharat Co-operative Bank (Mumbai) Ltd., under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notice dated 14.09.2021 calling upon the Borrower **Mr. Ramesh N Solanki, S/o. Mr. Narayanji**, residing at No.165, 5th Block, Class D Employees House Building CSL, Lingadheeranahalli, Yashwanthpur Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Andhrhahalli Main Road, Viswanedam, Bengaluru-560091 & sureties (i) **Mr. Devail, S/o. Mr. Chhoga Ram, R/at. No.65, 7th Main Road, 1st Cross, Hegganahalli, Bengaluru (Loan Account No.002233330000132 & 002213100000544)** and (ii) **Mr. Kapoor Chand, S/o. Mr. Talsaji, No.193, 2nd Floor, 2nd Cross, Police Road, R.S. Pet, Bengaluru (Under Loan Account No.002233330000132)** to repay the amount mentioned in the Demand Notice being (i) **Rs. 23,86,400/- (Rupees Twenty Three Lacs Eighty Six Thousand Four Hundred)** outstanding as on 08.09.2021 under Housing Loan A/c No.002233330000132 and (ii) **Rs. 10,99,227/- (Rupees Ten Lac Ninety Nine Thousand Two Hundred and Twenty Seven)** outstanding as on 31.08.2021 under Cash Credit Limit Account No.002213100000544 alongwith further interest & other charges respectively within 60 days from the date of the receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower & sureties having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers & sureties in particular and the public in general that the undersigned has taken the symbolic Possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub section (4) of section 13 of the said Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002 on this 01st day of December 2021.

The Borrowers & sureties in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the said Property and any dealings with the said Property shall be subject to the charge of Bharat Co-Operative Bank (Mumbai) Ltd, for an amount as mentioned above alongwith further interest & other charges respectively, less amount paid thereafter if any.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Residential Site bearing **No.165, Block No.05, Survey No.37, Khatha No.2715** situated at **The Karnataka Govt.Class 'D' Employees House Building Co-op.Society Ltd., Lingadheeranahalli, Herohalli Grampanchayat Limits, Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk**, measuring East to West 39 feet (11.890 meters) and North to South 3 feet (9.146 meters), totally measuring **1170 sq.ft** along with the Residential Building constructed thereon, owned by **Mr. Ramesh N. Solanki** & bounded by:

East : 40 Feet wide Road
 West : Private Property
 North : Site No.164
 South : Site No.166

Sd/- Dy. General Manager and Authorised Officer,
 Bharat Co-operative Bank (Mumbai) Ltd.
 Place : Bangalore No. 100, Money Terrace, K.H. Road, Bangalore-560 027
 Date : 01.12.2021 Tel : K.H. Road Branch : 080-22211066, 22291942

STATE BANK OF INDIA
STRESSED ASSETS RECOVERY BRANCH(SARB), BENGALURU

Address of the Branch:
 Building No.11/90, III Floor, Near Old Shivaji Theatre
 J C Road, Bengaluru -560 002
 Contact: CCO: **Mr. Chandrasekhar S.S.**
 Mh : 9480811732, Tel:080-2594-3678/3663
 e-mail id: sbi.05173@sbi.co.in.

Authorised Officer's Details:
Name. Smt. Jayanthi A., Chief Manager
 e -mail id: sbi.05173@sbi.co.in,
 Mobile No: 9448993207
 Land Line No. (Office): 080-25943663/64

APPENDIX- IV A
 [See proviso to Rule 8 (6)]
E-AUCTION ON 22.12.2021
SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immoveable Assets (excluding movable assets, if any, lying in the premises) under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) and Rule 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and the Borrowers/Mortgagors in particular that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, State Bank of India, Bengaluru, the constructive possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of the Bank, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis on **22.12.2021** for recovery of **Rs.80,05,687/-** (Rupees Eighty Lakh Five Thousand Six Hundred and Eighty Seven Only) as on **29.11.2021** and further interest at contractual rate from **30.11.2021** with incidental expenses + costs, charges etc., due to the State Bank of India from Borrowers/Mortgagors, (1) **Smt. Uma Bhaskar W/o. Sri P Bhaskar and (2) Ms. Neroshia B, D/o. Sri. Bhaskar P.**

The Reserve Price, Earnest Money Deposit (EMD), bid increment amount and last date for submission of EMD along with KYC documents for immovable property to be sold will be as under:

TENDER No	Reserve Price in Rs. (Below which properties will not be sold)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Bid increment amount(Rs)	Time of e-auction of property	Last date for Sub-mission of EMD along with KYC Documents
SB/SARB/ CSS/676	Rs.31,00,000/-	Rs.3,10,000/-	Rs.50,000/-	11.30 A.M. to 12.30 P.M	On or before 21.12.2021 upto 5.00 p.m.

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

Tender No. SB/SARB/CSS/676:
SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY: All that piece and parcel of the property bearing BBMP Khata No.347, Sy. No.1/07, carved out of converted land bearing Sy. No. 1/7 measuring 8 Guntas or 8712 Sq. Feet, converted from Agricultural purpose to Non-agricultural vide Official Memorandum bearing No.A.L.N.(E) SR (KH) 06/2013-14 dated 07.08.2013, issued by Deputy Commissioner, Bengaluru District, Bengaluru, situated at Sonathamanahalli village @ Thambuchetty Palya, K R Puram Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever hereunder or underneath or above the surface and bounded on the: East by: Sri J Balappa's Property, West by: Land of Sri M S Jacob, North by: Land of Sri Jayarama Reddy, South by: Road.

SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY: 312 Sq. ft. undivided right, title and interest in the immovable property mentioned in Schedule 'A' above.

SCHEDULE 'C' PROPERTY: Residential Flat bearing No.201 in Second Floor, measuring 1055 Sq. feet. Super Built up Area. containing Two Bed Rooms, with RCC Roofing, Vitrified Tiles Flooring and Aluminum Windows, together with One Covered Car Parking Space along with proportionate share in common areas such as Passages, Lobbies, Lift and Staircase contained in the multistoried building constructed on the Schedule 'A' Property known as **'S M SILVER OAK'**, standing in the joint names of **Smt. Uma Bhaskar and Ms. Neroshia B** vide Sale Deed dated 18.03.2016 and registered as Document No.BNS-1-18849/2015-16 and CD No.BNSD420 at the Office of the Sub Registrar, Shivaji Nagar (Banasawadi), Bengaluru.

Reserve Price: Rs.31,00,000/- **EMD: Rs.3,10,000/-**

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the links provided by the Secured Creditor, **State Bank of India, Stressed Assets Recovery Branch, J. C. Road, Bengaluru**, represented by its Authorised Officer, i.e., (1) www.sbi.co.in (2) www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp

Date: 30.11.2021 Sd/-
 Place: Bengaluru Authorized Officer

DEEPAK SAHAKARI BANK LTD
 No. 1703, 2nd Block, Rajajinagara, Bangalore - 560 010.

POSSESSION NOTICE

RULE 8(1) OF SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES 2002 (FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY)

WHEREAS, The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of **Deepak Sahakari Bank Ltd.** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) and in exercise of Powers conferred under Section 13 of the Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, has issued a demand notice details hereunder upon the under mentioned borrowers calling upon them to repay the amount mentioned in the notice and given hereunder against their names within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notices.

The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said rules on the dates mentioned hereunder.

The borrowers in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of **Deepak Sahakari Bank Ltd** for the amounts due from the borrowers and interest thereon.

Details of the notice, borrowers. Etc:-			
Branch	Deepak Sahakari Bank Ltd, #1703, II Block, Rajajinagar, Bangalore-560010		
Date of Notice under sec 13(2)	Name of the Borrower/s Deepak Sahakari Bank Ltd Branch:-Mahalakshmi Puram	Amount demanded (subsequent interest also due and recoverable)	Date of Possession
21/06/2021	1. Smt. Jayalakshamma & Sri Chandra V & Smt. Swetha S No.453, 5th Main, 5th Cross, Kanteerava Nagar, Nandini Layout, Bangalore-560073.	Rs.58,95,186.00 as on 01.12.2021 Interest + Legal Expenses	03.12.2021
Guarantor	1. Sri Shivakumar MJ		

Description of the Immoveable property

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Northern Portion of the Site Old No.32, Corporation Municipal No.48, Now, BBMP Khata No.17/1, 3rd Main, Harjiana Colony, Nandini Layout, Bangalore-560096. Old PID No.043W002010, BBMP No.12, and Measuring East to West 45 Feet and North to South 25 in total 1125 Sq feet and bounded on: East By: Papamma's Property, West by: Property No.31 belongs to Adde Muniswamy, North By: Road, South by: Southern Portion of the same Property No.48/17 belongs HS Huchappa. **Belonging to & Owned By: Smt.Jayalakshamma**

Date : 03.12.2021 Sd/-Authorized Officer
 Place : Bangalore. Deepak Sahakari Bank Ltd

STATE BANK OF INDIA
Assets Recovery Management Branch,(40564)
 2nd Floor, A Block, BKG Complex,Mysore Bank Circle,
 Avenue Road, Bengaluru-560009 Ph: 080 2594 3765, 25943769.
 Fax: 080 22205911, Email Id: sbi.40564@sbi.co.in

POSSESSION NOTICE

Under Rule 8(1) (For Immoveable Properties)

WHEREAS, The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the State Bank of India, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (No. 3 of 2002) issued Demand Notices calling upon the following borrowers/guarantors to repay the amount mentioned in the notice with further interest/cost etc within 60 days from the date of the receipt of the said notice. Details of demand notices such as date of issue and loan outstanding amount are mentioned against each borrower hereunder.

1. Name of the Borrowers : 1) **Smt.Rekha Sreedharan W/o Sri.Sreedharan** 2) **Sri.Sreedharan S/o Sri.Subramani U-93/74/20, 5th Main Road, Jabbar Block, Vyalkaval 2nd Main, Bangalore-560003**
And also at: No.40/5, Patankar Layout, between 6th & 8th Main, 13th Cross, Malleshwaram, Bangalore-560003
i) M/s Rekha Air Travels, Prop: Smt.Rekha Sreedharan W/o Sri.Sreedharan No.115, 1st Floor, Brigade Garden, No.19, Church Street, Bangalore-560001
ii) Sri. Sreedharan S/o Sri.Subramani INDIAN Railways, Malleshwaram Railway Station, Bangalore-560003
And guarantor Sri.Jeelani S. M. S/o Sri.Shaikh Mahabooob 1) House No.7/1, Opp. KEB Compound, HMT Main Road, Mathikere, Bangalore 560054 2) INDIAN Railways, Malleshwaram Railway Station, Bangalore

Demand Notice date : 29.09.2021 HTL-62234718402, Suraksha-62234718752
Loan Outstanding amount as per demand notice: Rs.54,16,461/- (Rupees Fifty Four Lakhs Sixteen Thousand Four Hundred and Sixty One only) as on 29.09.2021 + interest from 30.09.2021 + incidental charges
Possession Taken date : 02.12.2021
Loan Outstanding amount : Rs.54,95,681/- (Rupees Fifty Four Lakhs Ninety Five Thousand Six Hundred and Eighty One only) as on 29.11.2021 and interest from 30.11.2021 plus expenses thereon.

Description of the immovable property:
Property-1: Residential Property :- All the piece and parcel of the residential building bearing B.D.A No.74, and Corporation No. 20, situated at 5th Main, Jabbar Block, Palace Guttaahalli, Bangalore-560003, site measuring East to West 20 feet and North to South 25 feet i.e., 500 Sq. Feet, comprising of ground, first and second floors standing in the name of Smt.Rekha Sreedharan and bounded on the: East by: Site No.75, West by: Site No.73, North by: Road, South by: Site No.87

PROPERTY-2: Commercial Property Description:
SCHEDULE 'A': All the piece and parcel of the property consisting of land and buildings earlier forming Northern Portion of Property bearing Old No.6, Later No.19 and subsequently changed to Nos.19, 19/1, 19/7, 19/8, and 19/9 and having been consolidated as Municipal No.19, situated in Church Street, Civil Station, Corporation Division No.60, Bangalore-560001, with an area of 25,813 Sq. feet and the property is being and bounded on the: East by: Property bearing No.6/A, Church Street, West by: Property bearing Nos. 4 & 5, Church Street, North by: Church Street, and South by: Property bearing Nos.19/2 to 19/6

SCHEDULE 'B': 194.60/14000th undivided share, right, title, interest and ownership in Schedule 'A' Property, comprising of 2 units bearing No.126, measuring 355 Sq. Ft., and unit No.115, measuring 340 Sq. ft., situated in No.19/15/1, Church Street, Bangalore-560001, referred to above having derived the same by virtue of registered Sale Deed dated 27.02.1992 from the previous owners.

SCHEDULE 'C': Porting of 194.60/14000th undivided share, right, title, interest and ownership in Schedule 'A' and 'B' Properties, comprising of 1 units bearing No.115, measuring 340 Sq. ft., situated in No. 19/15/1, Church Street, Bangalore-560001, and bounded on: East by: Unit No.116, West by: Private Property, North by: Unit No.126, South by: Passage and Unit No.114.

2. Name of the Borrowers : 1) **Sri. N.Papanna S/o Sri.Narasimhaiah** 2) **Smt.Parvathamma W/o Sri. N.Papanna** Both are residing at: No.358, 3rd Block, 6th Main, Nandini Layout, Bangalore-560096 And also at: i) No.27, Karibobanahalli, Behind Govt. School, Nagasandra Post, Bangalore-560073 ii) M/S. Gokaldas India, No.21C & 21B, Sy.No.34, 35, 36 & 37, Nallydhad & Washers, Peenya Industrial Area, Bangalore-560058

Demand Notice date : 16.11.2018 HTL-64066715199, 64193251809
Loan Outstanding amount as per demand notice:Rs.17,80,163/- (Rupees Seventeen lakhs eighty thousand one hundred and sixty three only) as on 16.11.2018 + interest from 17.11.2018 + incidental charges

Paper Publication : The New Indian Express and Kannada Prabha" on 30.01.2019
Possession Taken date : 02.12.2021
Loan Outstanding amount : Rs.19,07,154/- (Rupees Nineteen lakhs seven thousand one hundred and fifty four only) as on 29.11.2021 and interest from 30.11.2021 plus expenses thereon.

Description of the immovable property: All that piece and parcel of property bearing Site No.27, Khaneshmari 70/10, Gramatana Khatha No.194, Karibobanahalli Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, now under BBMP, Municipal No.865/70/10/27, assigned to Harohalli Range Rajarajeshwari Division Karibobanahalli Village Bangalore, site measuring East to West 40 ft, North to South 30 ft totally measuring 1200 Sq.ft with building thereon standing in the name of **Smt.Parvathamma W/o Sri. N.Papanna** and bounded on East by: Road, West by: Site No.36, North by: Site No.28 and South by: Site No.26.

The above mentioned borrowers/guarantor/ mortgagors having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers/guarantor/ mortgagors and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub-section (4) of section 13 of Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on above mentioned date.

The borrowers/guarantor/ mortgagors in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of the **State Bank of India**, for amount mentioned against their names with further interest accrued and cost/ expenses thereon.

The borrower's/guarantor's/mortgagor's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Place : Bengaluru Sd/-
 Date : 02.12.2021 Authorized Officer

HDFC
HOUSING DEVELOPMENT FINANCE CORPORATION LTD. CIN L70100MH1977PLC019916
 Regd. Office: Ramon House, H T Parekh Marg, 169, Backbay Reclamation, Churchgate, Mumbai- 400020
Regional Office : HDFC House, No.51, Kasturba Road, Bangalore - 560001. Ph : 080 41183000
Fax: 080 22275754, E-mail : customer.service@hdfc.com, Website: www.hdfc.com

DEMAND NOTICE

Under Section 13 (2) of the Securitisation And Reconstruction Of Financial Assets And Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of **Housing Development Finance Corporation Ltd. (HDFC Limited)** under Securitisation And Reconstruction Of Financial Assets And Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued Demand Notice under Section 13 (2) of the said Act, calling upon the Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) listed hereunder, to pay the amounts mentioned in the Demand Notice, within 60 days from the date of the said Notice, as per details given below. The undersigned have, caused/are getting the said Notice to be pasted on the premises of the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s), Copies of the said Notice are available with the undersigned, and the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s), may, if they so desire, collect the respective copy from the undersigned on any working day during normal office hours. In connection with the above, Notice is hereby given, once again, to the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) to pay to HDFC Limited, within 60 days from the date of publication of this Notice, the amount indicated hereinbelow in their name(s), together with further interest @ 18% p.a. as detailed in the said Demand Notice from the date mentioned below in column (c) till the date of payment and / or realisation, read with the loan agreement and other documents/writings, if any, executed by the said Borrower(s), As security for due repayment of the loan, the following Secured Asset has been mortgaged to HDFC Limited by the said Borrower (s) respectively. Attention of the Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) is invited to the provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured asset.

Sr. No	Name of Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative (s)	Total Outstanding Dues	Date of Demand Notice	(Description of Secured Asset in respect of which Security Interest has been created)
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(f)
1	(1) Mr. Parvez Ali (Borrower) , F No G, 2nd Floor, Sheikh Hamdam Colony, Building No G2, Dubai, UAE. (2) Mr. Parvez Ali , No 22/1, Housing Board Colony, Krishnanaada Nagar, Mahalakshmi Nagar, Bengaluru 560 096, (3) Mr. Parvez Ali , Gulf International Designation: National Merchandisi, Department: Sales, Employee No.: 00010903, Office No.406 & 407, Building 40, 4th Floor, Dubai, UAE, (4) Mr. Parvez Ali , Flat-001, Floor-Ground, Tower-A, Vaishnavi Oasis, S No 93, Khata No.128/93, Alahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru 562 117.	Loan Account No. 638043975 Rs.52,09,866/- (Rupees Fifty Two Lakhs Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty Six Only) as on 31.10.2021	22.11.2021 N.P.A. Date: 31.07.2021	Schedule-A: All that property measuring 02 Acres 37 Guntas in Sy.No. 93 situated at Alahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, duly converted for non-agricultural residential purposes vide Conversion Order issued by The Special Deputy Commissioner (Revenue), Bangalore District, Bangalore bearing No. ALN (SU) SR 73/2009-10 dated 18/12/2009 and presently bearing Municipal Khata No.128/93, Ward No.196 of Anjanapura, Alahalli Village, Bangalore, in the records of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike and the Property is bounded by: East : Property bearing Re-Survey No.101; West: Property bearing Re-Survey No.92; North : Halla; and South : Road. Schedule-B: 383 square feet of undivided share of right, title, interest and ownership in the land comprised in SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY . Schedule-C: All that Residential Apartment bearing No. 001 in Ground Floor of Tower 'A' in the Project 'VAISHNAVI OASIS' being built in Schedule 'A' Property and having 706.98 Sq. Feet of carpet area and 1100 Sq. Ft. of Super Built up area with right to use One Covered Car Parking Space in the Basement and the apartment is bounded by: East : Entrance & Lobby, West : Open towards open space, North : Staircase, Lift & Open towards open space, and South : Apartment No.A002.
2	(1) Mrs. K Parvathi (Borrower) , No 62, 5th Main B Block, Srigandhadakavali, Annapoorneshwari Nagar, Viswanedam, Bengaluru 560091, (2) Mrs. K Parvathi, Designation: Proprietor, No 475, 5th A Cross, Annapoorneshwari Nagar, Sreeganadadakavali Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bengaluru 560091, (1) Mr. M C Kemparaju (Co-Borrower) , No 62, 5th Main B Block, Srigandhadakavali, Annapoorneshwari Nagar, Viswanedam, Bengaluru 560091, (2) Mr. M C Kemparaju , Director of The Commissioner for Public Instruction, Designation: Asst. Officer, Department: Education, The Commissioner, Nrupatunga Road, K R Circle, Bangalore 567, Bengaluru 560001, (3) Mr. M C Kemparaju , House No 445, 3rd A Cross, Annapoorneshwari Nagar, Sreeganadadakavali Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bengaluru 560091.	Loan Account No. (1) 625240923 Rs.45,33,951/- (Rupees Forty Five Lakhs Three Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty Six Only) as on 31.10.2021 Total Rs.45,89,738/- (Rupees Forty Five Lakhs Eighty Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Thirtty Eight Only) as on 31.10.2021	22.11.2021 N.P.A. Date: 31.08.2021	All that Piece and Parcel of the Property bearing No.475, 6th Cross, Health Layout , situated at Sy.No.41/1B, 37/1 to 6, 12 to 15, 41B Part, 41/C, 1D, 1F, 1G, 1H, 1I, 1J and 27/1 , converted into private residential layout, duly approved Bangalore Development Authority dated 25.04.1987, resolution No.502, dated 22.05.1987 under order BDATP/MW/125/87-88, Plan approved by Health and Family Welfare Department Employees' House Building Co-Operative Society Limited, presently situated within the Limits of Bangalore Mahanagar Palike, Ward No.129, Srigandhadakavali Village, Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Annapoorneshwari Nagar, Bangalore and measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 50 feet, total measuring 1500 Square Feet , with the house consisting of Ground Floor, First Floor, Second Floor , residential R.C.C building, Granite flooring, measuring 25.08 Square and bounded on:- East by : Site No.476, West by : Site No.474, North by : Site No.488, and South by :40 Feet Road. And any construction thereon present and future.
3	(1) Mrs. Sumathi K (Borrower) , No 1, 3rd Main Road, 14th E Cross, Hysyananagar RM Nagar, Bengaluru 560 016, (2) Mrs. Sumathi K , Gas Turbine Research Est, Designation: Sr./Asst.Admin. Department: Admin BG, Employee No: 199803400, DRDO Unit, C.V.Raman, Nagar, Bengaluru 560 065, (3) Mrs. Sumathi K , Plot 1, House 92/1, Khatta 122/1, Horamavu Village, K R Puram Hobli, Ramurthy Nagar, Bangalore East Taluk, Bengaluru 560 016.	Loan Account No. (1) 656037871 Rs.35,65,744/- (Rupees Thirty Five Lakhs Sixty Five Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy Seven Only) as on 31.10.2021 Total Rs.37,97,677/- (Rupees Thirty Seven Lakhs Ninety Seven Thousand Six Hundred Seventy Seven Only) as on 31.10.2021	23.11.2021 N.P.A. Date: 30.09.2021	All That Piece and Parcel of the Property bearing Site No.1, Katha No. 122/1, Property No. 92/1 , situated at Horamavu Village, K.R. Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, measuring East to West 44 ft and North to South 21 ft, totally measuring 924 sq. ft. , and bounded on: East by : Private Property West by : Road, North by : Private Property, South by : Site No.2 And any construction thereon present and future.
4	(1) Mr. Sudharshan D S (Borrower) , No 7, 23rd Cross, 18th Main, HBR Layout, Banaswadi, Bengaluru 560 043, (2) Mr. Sudharshan D S , No 1, Near Bus Stand Doddaguni, Tumkur, Bengaluru 572 211, (3) Mr. Sudharshan D S , Honeywell Technology Solutions Lab Private Limited, Designation: Tech Lead, Department: IT,			

EYE OF THE STORM

EVACUATION PLAN
READY, SCHOOLS CLOSED
AS JAWAD KNOCKS

Storm expected to cross land over next 36 hours; NDRF personnel on standby, cyclone shelters ready



ODRAF personnel being kept in readiness for relief and rescue work in districts likely to be affected by Cyclone Jawad, at Naraj in Cuttack on Friday | EXPRESS

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bhubaneswar

ODISHA Government put in place evacuation plans and declared holiday for schools in 19 districts with cyclonic storm Jawad predicted to head towards the State on Sunday.

As it finalised its response to take on the tropical storm expected to cross the land over next 36 hours, Collectors of the all coastal districts were asked to remain prepared with contingency plans for evacuation and rescue of people since the course of the cyclone remained uncertain till the last hour.

Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik urged people to follow scientific advisories and safety measures. "Restrain from rumours and do not panic. Follow advisory and cooperate with administration to keep you and your family safe," he tweeted.

Special Relief Commissioner (SRC) Pradeep Jena said India Meteorological Department (IMD)'s forecast suggested the cyclone may brush Odisha coast near Puri or marginally enter the landmass. "However, the State government has prepared itself for a possible landfall in Ganjam, Puri or Jagatsinghpur and started preparations

accordingly," he added.

Though the government started evacuation process from low-lying areas and those living in kutcha houses in Ganjam, Puri, Jagatsinghpur and parts of Kendrapara, Cuttack and Khurda districts where the Collectors have been instructed accordingly, people were found to be unwilling to leave their houses and move to cyclone shelters, Jena said.

The government has one more day and the evacuation will be carried out tomorrow, he added.

The problem of storm surge will be taken into account during evacuation as the cyclone will be closest to the coast on a full moon day. So far, no number has been fixed for evacuation but government has decided to shift people living in low-lying areas or kutcha houses, he added.

To face any eventuality, the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), Odisha Disaster Rapid Action Force (ODRAF) and Fire Service personnel were mobilized to districts likely to face the impact. Around 280 teams will be deployed for search, rescue and relief operations of which 240 teams have already been deployed.

High alert
in Andhra
north coast

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Vijayawada/Visakhapatnam

A HIGH alert has been sounded in the three north coastal districts - Visakhapatnam, Vizianagaram, and Srikakulam district - as cyclone Jawad is hurtling towards the coast. The Deep Depression over the west-central Bay of Bengal intensified into a cyclonic storm Jawad and was centered at 300 km south-southeast of Visakhapatnam at around 5:30 p.m. on Friday.

According to IMD forecast, it is likely to move northwards and reach the west-central Bay of Bengal off north Andhra Pradesh - south Odisha coasts by Saturday morning. Thereafter it is likely to recurve north-northeastwards and move along the Odisha coast and reach Puri around 5th December noon. Subsequently, it is likely to continue to move north-northeastwards towards the West Bengal coast.

Meanwhile, as part of the preparedness, 13 flood relief teams (FRT) and four diving teams are kept on standby by the Navy, to be deployed for assisting in the rescue and relief operations. Three FRT and two diving teams have been dispatched to Odisha from Visakhapatnam to augment the existing resources.

Four ships are on standby with Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) bricks, diving, and medical teams to render assistance in the most affected areas along with the Andhra Pradesh and Odisha coast.

Tamil mandatory for all govt posts in TN

B ANBUSELVAN @ Chennai

WITH an aim to give preference to locals in State government jobs, the Tamil Nadu government on Friday passed a Government Order making the Tamil language paper mandatory in all the examinations conducted to fill posts in government departments and public sector undertakings.

The government also scrapped the General English component from the Group IV exams and made the General Tamil paper both a qualifying and scoring paper, thereby giving rural aspirants an edge in getting government jobs.

Finance and Human Resource Management Minister Palanivel Thiaga Rajan told TNIE, "People who are not from the State



EXPRESS ILLUSTRATION

This is just the beginning. The recruitment had not been conducted for years. There are a lot of backlogs and legal issues. A lot more reforms are in the pipeline

Thiaga Rajan, Finance and Human Resource Management Minister

have been given government jobs here in the past. As informed in the Assembly, we wanted to ensure that people of the State get government jobs". Until now, candidates not having adequate knowledge of

Tamil were eligible for government jobs if they fulfilled other qualifications. However, they had to pass a Tamil language paper (Class II standard) within two years of their appointment.

"Those who had chosen Hindi or other languages in schools will have to learn Tamil to pass the SSLC-standard qualifying exam for getting Group I and II posts. This will improve the chances of those who studied Tamil," said U Sivabalan, a faculty at Shankar IAS Academy.

According to the G.O., the Tamil paper will be descriptive in nature. "Only if the candidate scores a minimum of 40 marks, will his or her answer sheet in the main examinations be evaluated," the G.O said.

When asked about whether the government plans to increase reservations for women in government jobs, Thiaga Rajan said, "This is just the beginning. The recruitment had not been conducted for years. A lot more reforms are in the pipeline."

REPAIR WORKS ON
IN TIRUMALA GHAT

Tirumala: The Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) engineering wing has completed temporary repairs of the ghat road, which was severely damaged in landslides. They also conducted a trial run on Friday evening. TTD chairman YV Subba Reddy, EO Jawahar Reddy and additional EO Dharma Reddy inspected the ongoing works. Vehicular movement will be restored from 3 am on Saturday. Temporary gravel road was laid up to 13.3 km mile stone, after that the traffic will be diverted to the emergency link road. ENS

8 more test Covid +ve at Hyd airport
officials trace missing flyer from UK

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Hyderabad

THOUGH there was an initial lapse on their part, the officials managed to avert a major outbreak when they traced a lady traveller from London who tested positive for Covid-19 but left the Rajiv Gandhi International Airport (RGIA) without intimating the officials.

The shocking incident took place on Friday morning when the British Airways flight landed in Hyderabad and the passengers were tested as per protocols.

Eight other passengers also tested positive on the same day and all of them were sent to the TIMS hospital in Gachibowli. It is not clear whether the

lady passenger, who left without informing the airport staff, was informed about her positive status. However, the sources confirmed that she walked away without permission from the health staff. In fact, the staff realised that she left the premises an hour later. She reportedly hailed a cab and reached her home in Jeedimetla.

"With the help of the medical team, we found her address and reached her home. She was then shifted to TIMS in Gachibowli," said K Balaraj, SHO Jeedimetla.

It may be mentioned here that the passenger tested positive for Covid-19 and her samples have been sent for genome sequencing, which will deter-

mine if she is affected by the Omicron variant.

As a consequence of her departure from airport, three others - the cab driver who drove her home and both her parents, are placed under home isolation. Meanwhile, a total of 13 passengers reportedly tested positive in recent days at RGIA.

TIMS Director Dr Vimala Thomas stated that the passengers from abroad who tested positive were asymptomatic and recovering well in the special isolation wards at the hospital. The status of the variant affecting these patients is unknown as samples have been sent to the designated labs for genomic sequencing, she added.



EXPRESS READ

CBI chargesheet in
Periya murders

Kochi: The CBI on Friday filed a chargesheet against 24 persons including CPM Kasaragod district secretariat member and former MLA K V Kunhiraman in the 2019 Periya double murder case. Ten men associated with CPM, who were found to have direct involvement in the murders are among those named in the charge sheet. ENS

CBI raids at Kurnool,
Hyd in SPY Agro case

Hyderabad: The CBI conducted searches at six locations in both Telangana and Andhra Pradesh including Hyderabad, Kurnool and Nandyal in connection with the case registered against Nandi Grain Derivatives and SPY Agro Industries Ltd, and recovered several incriminating documents. ENS

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SOURCES from the oil industry said, "Karnataka enjoys a price difference of at least Rs 5-6 per litre as compared to neighbouring states of Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh and Kerala, which makes a big difference for the transport sector. With this, the sale of diesel has shot up at bunks along the border, while the petrol sales have not seen such a big jump."

Kodiyeri back at helm of Kerala CPM

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A YEAR after stepping down, **Kodiyeri Balakrishnan** is back at the helm of state CPM. The party state secretariat, which met here on Friday, gave Kodiyeri the nod to return as state secretary. He is almost sure to get another term when the state conference in Ernakulam in March next year takes a call on it. TNIE had reported on Wednesday that Kodiyeri would return as state secretary soon.

After a meeting of the politburo members from the state supported Kodiyeri's return,

Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan announced it at the state secretariat. The leadership felt the need of a full-time secretary at a time when party district conferences are set to begin.

A tactician, Kodiyeri, however, has his task cut out. His biggest challenge will be to keep the party's strength intact in the only state where it is in power. Defending the party, which is under fire over political murders including

Periya case, will be another challenge. Kodiyeri made his intentions clear soon after reassuming office on Friday by unleashing a tirade against the

RSS over the murder of party official P B Sandeep Kumar in Tiruvalla on Thursday.

The government too has been facing challenges -- with the UDF pushing it on the back foot, especially over the police lapses. Close on the heels of the party initiating disciplinary action against several senior leaders including former minister G Sudhakaran, the Kannur leader also has to ensure that no faction breaks free in the party.

"The CPM is not a party in which higher-ups cannot be questioned. We are not against the democratic process. If it's being done due to factional issues, then the party will look into it," said Kodiyeri.



FLOOD RELIEF

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy visits a flood-affected area at Srikrishna Nagar in Tirupati on Friday. Later, he visited Nellore district where he announced ₹220 crore for construction of bunds along the river Penna in Nellore city and for repair works of the Somasila project apron | EXPRESS

VISION DOCUMENT FOR B'LURU DEVELOPMENT: CM

K'taka to host 8 tech events a yr

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TO respond to the needs of the industry, the Karnataka Government is looking to conduct at least eight international tech events each year.

At 'SMARTec India-21' summit organised by ASSOCHAM on Friday, Higher Education, IT, BT Minister and Skill Development Minister Dr C N Ashwath Narayan said SMARTec summits in the future will be hosted in Bengaluru.

He said industries should stop going to educational institutes only during campus placements, but visit there more often to cultivate a relationship.

"The Covid situation has proved that technocrats and in-

novators are real heroes and there is a huge requirement for skilled resources in emerging technologies. The National Education Policy (NEP-2020) aspires to impart skills to future citizens at student level itself, to fill the gap in industry requirements," he added.

Foreign language center

The Government Girls Pre-University College will have a foreign language learning centre soon, announced Higher Education Minister Ashwath Narayan at a programme at the college on Friday. He said the campus will be developed to international standards. He reiterated the government's commitment to upgrade all 430 government colleges in the state.

ISRO chief
calls on CM

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AMID concerns expressed by the opposition Congress in the state over Indian Space Research Organisation's (ISRO) plans to shift the Indian Human Space Flight Programme from Bengaluru to Gujarat, ISRO chairman K Sivan met Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai in Bengaluru on Friday.

After the meeting, Sivan, however, refused to answer media persons' queries over the Congress protest against any move to shift the project out of Bengaluru.

Congress leaders have also written to the PM opposing any such move and have urged Bommai to take a delegation of MPs to meet the PM and ensure that the project is retained in the state. State Congress chief D K Shivakumar had also warned the government that they will launch agitations across the state if the proposal to shift the programme is not dropped.





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— Ramnath Goenka

OMICRON HAS ARRIVED, FOLLOW COVID NORMS TO AVOID SPREAD

Of the two persons detected with the Omicron variant of the SARS-CoV-2 virus in Bengaluru, India, one had no travel history. The other has flown out. This in itself indicates quite a few things. Whatever explanation is offered for someone being able to just leave the country even as genome sequencing of his sample is still awaited, it does show up a dangerously casual approach. The conjecture about the second person, a doctor with no travel record, is that he may have picked it from the conference he attended at a city hotel where delegates from abroad too were present. Stopping flights from certain designated countries like South Africa, Botswana, Zimbabwe, Mauritius, Hong Kong, Netherlands and Belgium will be of little consequence now. Omicron—so named so as to avoid it being called Nu or Xi for obvious reasons—has arrived and is spreading.

The new mutated variant of concern, designated B.1.1.529 by WHO on November 26, has an unusual number of mutations. Data from South Africa, which has done an excellent job of tracking and identification, is that it spreads quietly. Whether faster or more lethally than the earlier villain, Delta, is yet to be fully established. However, what is easier done is being unerringly done: blame and isolate the African nations not just for warning the world against the new strain, but also point fingers at some unknown immuno-deficient—probably HIV-infected—African for the latest mutation. China may not have come clean on Covid-19 yet. We may not ever know where the original SARS-CoV-2 strain came from, a lab in Wuhan or an intermediary animal. But from there to Omicron, what has not changed is the worst in us. What else? Yes, oh, mask up, avoid crowds and human proximity, wash hands. And, yes, vaccinate. Omicron or not, that may be the only hope to avoid another debilitating wave.

NEED SUSTAINABLE GROWTH TARGET

The Indian economy grew by 8.4% in Q2, but a complete rebound, it appears, has never been closer and never further away. At least three factors, including the new Covid variant Omicron, a not-so-transitory inflation and global supply chain issues, are threatening to dangle the economy back on a fishing hook. As SBI Research estimates, the Covid-19 pandemic hacked ₹11.4 lakh crore off real GDP in the first half of last fiscal. We are better off now, with real gains of ₹8.2 lakh crore, but we still need to recoup the remaining ₹3.2 lakh crore lost output to be back at the pre-pandemic spot. This, SBI Research believes, will take one more quarter. But regardless of how much forecasters bleat about regaining the pre-pandemic levels, that's an unconvincing benchmark given that we were coursing through one of the harshest slowdowns then. Thus, India should set itself the sustainable pre-slowdown 7-8% growth as the ideal target.

Though the Q2 headline growth rate is appealing, granular data is somewhat disappointing. For, the industries sector is still operating below potential and recovery was largely driven by investments than private consumption, which remained below pre-pandemic levels. The demand side hasn't recovered fully and with a weak household sector, consumption may continue to lag. Given the uneven nominal wage growth and chances of continuing high inflation, which is forcing producers to jack up prices (e.g., the auto sector), chances are that the negative impact on consumption will likely persist and the negative output gap may sustain longer than anticipated. Moreover, the services sector operating at 80% of pre-pandemic levels may suffer if Omicron infections worsen.

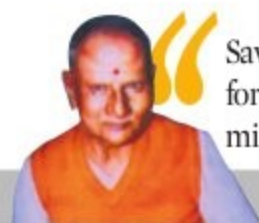
As they say, caution is a logical response to uncertainty and so the RBI may keep rate hikes on hold next week. This will be a marked departure from the widely expected reverse repo rate hikes in December to narrow the rate corridor, notwithstanding the inflationary pressures. The government, which incidentally is blessed with robust direct and indirect tax collections, too should stand ready with counter-crisis measures.

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Save all your energies and time for breaking the wall your mind has built around you

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MAMATA'S BATTLE AGAINST CONGRESS, WAR AGAINST BJP

SUGATA SRINIVASARAJU



Senior journalist and author

In September, I wrote a piece asking if Mamata Banerjee was slowly replacing Sonia Gandhi as the central figure leading the opposition against the BJP. In December, it is apparent that Mamata is not only trying to recruit an army to fight the BJP, but is also poaching soldiers from the Congress to do so. She is cleverly creating a spectacle and a narrative with her actions and words. The message now being crafted is that it is self-defeating for two generals to lead the opposition charge against the BJP, and there can only be one.

Therefore, before the war is waged against the 'enemy', battles of succession, legitimacy and chain of command are being settled within the opposition camp. The Congress propaganda is now spreading the word that she is 'helping Modi' and 'aiding the BJP'. The Congress' amnesia about the West Bengal Assembly results in May, where it scored a monumental duck, is evident. Instead of reflecting on its serial defeats and continuous drop of national vote share since 1989, the Congress is now creating a shallow Bushian binary: 'With us or against secularism.' Or, 'with us or against opposition unity'.

When Mamata was in Delhi on the eve of the ongoing Parliament's Winter Session, she said that it was not "constitutionally mandated" to meet Sonia each time she was in Delhi. This was

a departure from what we had seen during the Monsoon Session where there was some bonhomie and exchange between the two top women leaders. This time there was a coat of irksomeness to her response. Some initially cautioned not to read much into that statement, but the political context that was getting created left one with little option but to read deeply, and deliberately, into this and other statements Mamata was making. Even if one dismissed this statement as an answer provoked by the media's relentless pursuit for an anti-Congress narrative, then what should one make of what Mamata said in Mumbai, on Wednesday after meeting Sharad Pawar?

Mamata in Mumbai buried the idea of the United Progressive Alliance (UPA) that Sonia Gandhi still continues to lead. She simply asked: "Where is the UPA?" She also took a dig at Rahul Gandhi: "You can't be abroad all the time. Continuous endeavour is necessary in politics." For the first time, the Trinamool Congress chief had borrowed the phraseology and logic of the BJP to attack a Congress leader. She was also constructing credibility for a federal alternative to the BJP, instead of accepting the lead of another national party like the Congress. Both sentiment and arithmetic do not support a maladaptive Congress' claims as an alternative to the BJP. In the 2019 parliamentary

polls, the Congress' national vote share went under 20%, and there is nothing in the horizon that suggests that they will not sink further in 2024.

Sonia Gandhi had done her part since 1988, and her displacing Vajpayee in 2004 was not a small achievement. But her biggest mistake it now appears, in retrospect of course, was not to create sufficient political engagement in a vibrant and diverse democracy like India. For whatever reason, appointing Manmohan Singh, a technocratic prime minister, for a decade, who did not venture out of his corporate headquarters in the South Block, made the Congress somewhat disengage with the masses. It was after all a chair occupied by Nehru and Indira Gandhi, who had the finest instinct and instruments to read and interpret the pulse of the people. When mass leaders make mistakes, get caught in scams and go to jail, people criticise them, mock them, punish them, but at every bend they transact through emotion and not rea-



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son. Therefore, as quickly as they discard them, they embrace, celebrate and put them back in the chair. Sonia should have used the decade to create mass engagement and a reservoir of emotion for the Congress. She herself was not a natural in this process and Singh was too much reason.

The Congress party and its leadership became complacent with the approvals of a fickle middle class and the anglophone establishment. It flaunted foreign degrees, GDP figures and economic indicators, which anyway did not arrest or capture the growing divide between the rich and the poor. The party did not read the ferment on the ground nor did it follow the directions of the wind. The Congress created Modi, and the first thing he did when he assumed power was to delegitimise the party. He and the BJP had to attack only the family and that would hurt the party because for long they had become interchangeable. The

sympathetic impulse of a Dev Kant Barooah in the 1970s created a perennial trap for the family in the statement: "India is Indira and Indira is India." In the last 45 years or so the statement has had many mutations, and Modi inverted it to make it a taunt—"family is the party and the party is the family." Modi's currency among the masses took it to the narrowest crevices of public consciousness. A new aspirational generation that had

moved from rural hinterlands to expand urban fringes saw the sham and the rigging of our democracy through Modi. The family was denominated as the, and the only, elite and the masses bought the argument.

Mamata, being the shrewd leader she is, perceives this conundrum about the family, and has therefore begun to wage a battle to become the true alternative to Modi and the BJP. As an opponent, Mamata will be more acceptable to the BJP and the Sangh Parivar than Sonia Gandhi, who they have always dubbed as 'foreign'. Their nationalist rhetoric will restrain them or constrain them from using the same language they used against Sonia. The fact that Mamata is an upper caste person may actually push a section of the Sangh Parivar to build a buzz around her to checkmate Modi, and that is precisely what Subramanian Swamy has done. It may be rebound love, but still.

However, there is one thing that Mamata may have to do to take over the opposition space. She should make opposition and alternative politics a genuine mission rather than a cheap poaching game, led by the likes of Prashant Kishor. Kishor is creating a perception, just like he did when serving Modi, that he is the 'kingmaker'. This undermines Mamata's own abilities and splendid electoral record.

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THE KIWI PARADIGM, AN AIRPORT AND PASHMINA

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About 10 years ago, two close friends of mine built a farm-to-market start-up that was distinctly ahead of its time. They were some of the first people who began to talk about the fact that a lot of fresh food (not just the processed variety) in Indian markets seemed to be imported.

They wondered why this was the case since India ranks among the top two producers of fruits and vegetables in the world. The conclusion that emerged after a lot of field research and pilot projects was that it was simply too tough to bring kiwi from, say, the Ziro Valley to Khanna Market in Delhi. It was easier to import kiwi from New Zealand than bring it from Arunachal Pradesh. This has now changed as kiwi from Arunachal Pradesh has finally started to appear in the markets of Delhi. This has

happened at the same time when a new international airport has been announced in Noida, neighbouring Delhi, which when complete is likely to be the biggest in India, surpassing the one in Delhi. India's largest state, Uttar Pradesh, of which Noida is a part, has jumped from two to nine airports in the last seven years, and is building 1,300 kilometres of expressways. Airports for instance have a domino effect on everything including land prices.

I was thinking about all this when I was looking at some research on three products that could be definitive for the economy of the newly created Union territory of Ladakh—apricot, sea buckthorn and pashmina.

India imports a lot of its apricots from Afghanistan, a route whose future is now uncertain. Currently, the fruit is a delicacy

(like in Hyderabad's favourite *Khubani ka Meetha*) and also used as a natural pain relief oil. I buy mine from a start-up in Uttarakhanda. The sea buckthorn plant is loaded with vitamins and is used in a range of products from anti-inflammatory medicine to anti-ageing potions. It is the sort of shrub that might be called a 'super plant' in common parlance. As is well known, traditionally, Ladakh produced the pashmina that was made into fine shawls in Kashmir, some of which even reached Josephine, the wife of Napoleon Bonaparte. But the material



What connects the appearance of kiwi fruit from Arunachal Pradesh in Delhi bazaars to an international airport in Noida, and wool and fruit in Ladakh? ... It is something I call the 'kiwi paradigm', which is about the ease of domestic consumption of national produce. ... Earlier, it was easier to import kiwi from New Zealand than bring it from Arunachal. This has now changed

from Ladakh could build its own unique identity, design sensibility and expand markets.

What connects all these stories? It is something that I call the 'kiwi paradigm', which is about the ease of domestic consumption of national goods and produce. What are the methods through which local producers and suppliers could benefit from accessing deeper and wider markets within the country? One is obviously infrastructure—simply, good roads and airports would ensure, and are ensuring, far greater discovery of products from different parts of the country. This crisscrossing of goods and produce is not just economics and trade, it is nation-building. We are still at a phase of India's nationalism where various parts of the country need to learn, appreciate and respect each other's similarities, differences and uniqueness much more.

Direct-to-customer in India is not just about start-ups, it is about national integration. This will become more important and urgent in the coming days as two things start to happen—one, glo-

bal warming, which would impact parts of the country in ways that can trigger greater resource demand, and second, migration, coupled with the issues unlocked by global warming, that would make any resource inequity starker than ever. Therefore, a deeper net of interwoven domestic buyers and sellers who consume not just products but also local culture is important. Interdependence and interconnection between various parts of the country is one of the fundamental ways that India could build a stronger integrated response to the challenges that global warming is set to throw upon us. With a common understanding and appreciation of the challenges faced by different regions, our response and redressal strategy would be far more effective.

Every kiwi one might eat from Arunachal Pradesh is a reminder of this state that lies at the border of India and China, and the importance of maintaining our mountain ecosystems in the face of climate crisis.

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Omicron calls for booster

The new corona variant—Omicron—looms large in the minds of people across the world and has forced nations, including India, to issue travel restrictions. Our country was among the earliest and largest producers of vaccines and has administered more than 1 billion doses, one of the highest in the world. Now it is time that India started taking the booster dose seriously in order to further protect its population.

Rajamani Chelladurai, Palayamkottai

Be alert, not alarmed

There should be no place for unnecessary fears and panic about this new variant in society. The people should continue wearing masks whenever they venture out. Let us all pledge to break the chain by doing everything that we can. After all, people

need their livelihoods and countries have to take care of their economies. And for this, we should be free of restrictions and lockdowns.

P Senthil Saravana Durai, Vazhavallam

Indians' success abroad

The editorial *What is it that makes Indians do better abroad* (Dec 2) makes a realistic analysis of the trend of success set by Indians abroad. Indian values, hard work, perseverance, and contribution of IITs and IIMs are major factors. The freedom to innovate, which is lacking in India, and being rewarded for the same may ignite passion for achieving success. The editorial is right about "an assembly line of Indian-origin CEOs". The success story of Indians abroad will soon be a routine affair.

Hemanth Bhide, Mangaluru

A divided opposition

The war of words between the Trinamool and the Congress shows no signs of easing. A day after Mamata Banerjee called the grand old party incompetent, the Congress accused the TMC chief of strengthening the "fascist" forces by "sheer political opportunism". Congress chief spokesperson Randeep Surjewala alleged Didi was emulating the PM by buying legislators. He also recalled that she had sided with the NDA and UPA, jumping ship several times. A divided opposition must make the BJP rub its hands in glee.

N J Ravi Chander, Bengaluru

Martial arts for children

This is with reference to *Brave teen catches harasser, hands him over to police* (Dec 2). The courage shown by the girl who single-handedly caught

the harasser is commendable. The news must have inspired many, especially when such incidents are on the rise. Rules and laws alone can't eliminate such crimes. It is because of the martial art that she could react boldly. It is high time that children are equipped with some martial arts.

Praveen Kaliyath, Kannur

Bank merger a bane?

Earlier in Syndicate Bank, customers used to get new cheque books across the counter within 20 minutes. But after its merger with Canara Bank, now we get cheque books only through courier at our home address, that too 15-20 days after requisitioning. If there is a slight variation in the address, the courier agencies do not deliver the cheque book and it is returned. Later on, it takes more than one month to get that

undelivered cheque book after several enquiries with the bank. In fact, the merger has caused many inconveniences to the customers instead of improving the service. Unfortunately our closest Syndicate Bank branch has been closed and now even senior citizens have to go to a far-off branch of Canara Bank. Who has benefited from such bank mergers?

P Santhosh Shetty, Mangaluru

Safety audit required

Three people, including a proficient swimmer involved in the rescue operation, were killed recently after a speeding car's tire exploded and the vehicle fell into a roadside farm well in Siddipet. In a similar incident, two people were killed in MP on Sunday. It is high time that the authorities take up a road safety survey and install fences.

S V N Vijayendra, Hyderabad

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18 of 16K flyers from 'at-risk' nations +ve

Health ministry waiting for genome sequencing report to ascertain if these passengers are infected with Omicron



Covid-19 testing amid the Omicron scare, at Lucknow station on Friday | PTI

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UNION Minister for Health and Family Welfare Mansukh Mandaviya told Lok Sabha on Friday that 18 passengers out of 16,000 who were screened after arriving from 'at-risk' countries have tested positive for Covid-19. Their samples have been sent for genome sequencing to find out if they are infected with the Omicron variant. Results are awaited.

Stating that a decision on vaccines for children will be taken on the basis of scientific inputs, Mandaviya asserted that timely actions of the Centre before the pandemic began spreading ensured low fatality and cases per million, compared to other countries.

The minister, speaking after a discussion on the situation caused by the pandemic under Rule 193 in Lok Sabha, accused the Opposition of creating panic. The government, he said, worked expeditiously with faith in the scientific community, which helped the availability of vaccines in record time.

"There were times when it took three or more years to develop vaccines. Sometimes, the developers left the efforts on the way because of the delay. But the government acted with speed and cut the roadblocks to clear the vaccines within a year. The joint committee to look into the response of the government against Covid was constituted even before the first case was reported in Kerala," said Mandaviya.

"The Central government did not indulge in a blame game about lack of health infrastructure and set out to scaling up the facilities in response to the Covid pandemic, which showed the political will of Prime Minister Narendra Modi," added the minister.

Discussion under Rule 193 doesn't entail voting. Discussions on the pandemic situation ran for two days, with a number of MPs taking part in the debate in the Lower House till late in the evening on Thursday, which helped the House achieve record productivity of over 200 per cent.

OMICRON FAQ RELEASED BY HEALTH MINISTRY

Can the currently used diagnostics methods detect Omicron?

The most accepted method is RT-PCR. This method detects specific genes in the virus, such as Spike (S), Enveloped (E) and Nucleocapsid (N) etc to confirm the presence of virus. However, in case of Omicron, as the S gene is heavily mutated, some of the primers may lead to results indicating absence of the S gene (called as S gene drop out). For final confirmation of Omicron, genomic sequencing is required.

How concerned should we be about Omicron?

WHO declares a variant as a Variant of Concern after assessment when there is increase in transmissibility or detrimental change in COVID-19 epidemiology; OR increase in virulence or change in clinical disease presentation; OR decrease in effectiveness of public health and social measures or available diagnostics, vaccines, therapeutics. It is important to highlight that Omicron has been declared VoC based on the observed mutations, their predicted features of increased transmission and immune evasion, and preliminary evidence of detrimental change in COVID-19 epidemiology, such as increased reinfections.

What precautions should we take?

Precautions and steps to be taken remain same as before. It is essential to mask yourself properly, take both doses of vaccines, maintain social distancing and maintain good ventilation to the maximum possible.

Will there be a third wave?

Omicron cases are increasingly being reported from countries outside of South Africa and given its characteristics, it is likely to spread to more countries including India. However, the scale and magnitude of rise in cases and most importantly the severity of disease that will be caused is still not clear. Given the fast pace of vaccination in India and high exposure to Delta variant as evidenced by high seropositivity, the severity of the disease is anticipated to be low. However, scientific evidence is still evolving.

Will the existing vaccines work against Omicron?

While there is no evidence to suggest that existing vaccines do not work on Omicron, some of the mutations reported on Spike gene may decrease the efficacy of existing vaccines. However, vaccine protection is also by antibodies as well as by cellular immunity, which is expected to be relatively better preserved. Hence vaccines are expected to still offer protection against severe disease and, vaccination with the available vaccines is crucial.

SA returnees & kin infected

Jaipur: Authorities in Rajasthan are anxious after a family of four who came from South Africa to Jaipur a week ago tested Covid-19 positive. Worryingly, five of the 12 relatives they met have also tested positive. All nine have been quarantined as Omicron suspects and their samples have been taken for genome sequencing. Except for three children, all of them received both doses of the vaccine. None has serious Covid symptoms. Cases are rising in Rajasthan after a period of lull. In November, about 365 cases came to light.

UP govt on the guard

Lucknow: Uttar Pradesh has ramped up preventive measures by intensifying screening and surveillance at borders with states amid the Omicron scare. Fresh guidelines providing for a compensation of ₹50,000 to the next of kin of each patient who died of Covid have been issued. The state government has also widened the scope of circumstances defining Covid-19 deaths. Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has issued the directives to officials to improve surveillance with focus on airports to ensure that normalcy prevails.

NAVY DAY

For these Navy officers, it was a matter of doing it first and doing it right

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"AROUND sunset, all the ships in an aero head formation proceeded towards Karachi port aiming to arrive there at 10 pm for midnight attacks. Till that time, no radar usage and communication was permitted," adds the officer, who was later decorated with the Gallantry award followed by Ati Vishisht Seva Medal in 1999.

Around 10 pm on December 4, all the ships reached 70 miles from Karachi. "I was commanding Nirghat and was based in Okha before the war: When we reached Karachi, I got contact with PNS Khaiber (former British battle class destroyer) on radar, and asked my commander for order to fire and he approved. I went to the range from the contact and attacked with the first missile, which hit Khaiber. I could still see contact on the radar and took approval for another attack, finally breaking the ship into two," says Commodore Inderjit Sharma, who carried out the first attack and was awarded Vir Chakra.

The entire operation destroyed four Pakistani vessels, including PNS Shah Jahan, a C-class destroyer, Kemari oil storage tank and PNS Muhafiz, an adjunct-class minesweeper. "If I had not attacked the ship they would have attacked us and we would have sunk with one hit, so it was a question of doing it first and doing it right," added Commodore Sharma.

At that time, no one was sure about the contact on the radar. But since there were no other ships in the vicinity, as Pakistan Navy had issued a warning for merchant ships to not enter that zone, they went ahead with the attacks. It was

only when the officers came back to the Saurashtra port that they conclusively learnt through radio intercepts that PNS Khaiber was destroyed.

Reminiscing his time on-board INS Nipat, Rear Admiral Gopal shares that the dedication and professionalism of the crew led India to win the war. "When we were carrying out a trial in India, one of the barrels of the forward gun burned due to faulty ammunition of INS Nipat. We were more or less told that the ship is damaged and it will be out of the mission. While the Russian team supporting us did not take up the challenge to fix it, our crew fixed the issue in 24 hours and we went for the mission. This is rare. I had put in just five years in the Navy but this made a lasting impression of professionalism," shares the Rear Admiral.

Apart from the secret operation at midnight, the officers were dealing with new boats and tactics, which were being used for the first time for a mission after they were brought from the erstwhile Soviet Union in 1971. However, the officers trusted their training that took place for about a year on a secret island in Siberia.

On the challenges during the mission, the Rear Admiral says, "First, the vulnerability, because Pakistan marine aircraft were on surveillance. Second, secrecy. Third, boat maintenance because we were sailing at high speed. Fourth, the possibility of attack from Karachi since we didn't have real-time intelligence."

The two officers still celebrate their participation in the war, but do not consider themselves as heroes. It was part of duty to the nation.

EXPRESS READ

Additional surveillance for museum exhibits

New Delhi: For safety and upkeep of precious antiquities kept in more than 50 museums across the country including prominent ones such as National Museum (Delhi), Salar Jung Museum (Hyderabad) and Victoria Memorial (Kolkata), the culture ministry is ramping up security arrangements and radio frequency identification tagging of the artwork and other articles.

RAHUL SPEAKS

'Cowardly to say there is no data on dead farmers'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

LAUNCHING an attack on the Modi government, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Friday said it is 'immoral and cowardly' to say that the Centre does not have data on dead farmers and there would be no compensation because of this. Gandhi said he would table in Parliament a list prepared by the Punjab government of farmers who lost died during the agitation.

Referring to a Parliament question, where the government said it has no record of dead farmers, he said his team has found a list of 403 farmers who died during the agitation. He said the Punjab government has paid ₹5 lakh to the families of each of those 403 farmers and 152 of



them have been given jobs. "We have another list, where we have a hundred names of other people, not from Punjab, but from other states. There is a third list, which is public information of names, addresses, phone numbers, which can easily be verified, so this list exists," Gandhi told reporters.

Alleging that Narendra Modi does "everything for 23 of his industrialists friends" but those "martyred farmers do not exist for him," he said: "The Prime Minister has said he has made a mistake. He has apologised to the nation. Well, as a result of that mistake, 700 people have died. Now, you are lying about their names. Why don't you have the decency to give them their due? The government of India should pay compensation and help these families."

He added that the government can verify the list of dead farmers rather than saying such a list does not exist.

Chief says Indian Navy ready to confront any threat

PTI @ New Delhi

IN the backdrop of the Chinese Navy's rapid expansion and frequent forays into the Indian Ocean, Chief of Naval Staff Admiral R Hari Kumar said on Friday that his force is fully capable of confronting any security threat and backed the ambitious tri-services reforms that included setting up of a maritime theatre command.

Addressing a press conference on the eve of Navy Day, he said the situation along India's northern border has added to security complexities at a time the country was reeling under Covid-19 and that the "dual" scenario continues. "In these testing times, Indian Navy aims to stand steadfast in furthering our national and maritime interests. Our focus on maintaining combat and mission readiness resulted in deterring any misadventure in the maritime domain," he said.

On China's growing combat capability and presence in the Indian Ocean, the newly-appointed Navy Chief said ongoing developments and deployments in the region are factored into the Indian Navy's capability development plans and preparedness. "We are aware of the developments of the Chi-

nese Navy. They have built 138 ships in the last 10 years. Every nation is entitled to have its own capability development. We keep an eye on all developments in our area," he said.

The Navy Chief said women officers have been appointed on board major warships. Officials said around 28 women officers have been deployed in 15 major warships of the Navy and the number is going to rise.

No reconciliation until suspended MPs apologise: Goyal

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE stalemate over the suspension of 12 Rajya Sabha MPs continues. Leader of the House Piyush Goyal on Friday said there can be no reconciliation till the suspended members apologise for their behaviour, while some BJP MPs held counter-protest at the same site where the suspended MPs have been holding dharna since the start of winter session.

A group of BJP MPs holding photos of the August 11 incident, where some Opposition MPs can be seen on the secretary general's table, held a protest in front of the Gandhi statue inside the Parliament complex. Both sides resorted to sloganeering at the site.

RJD MP Manoj Kumar Jha raised the matter in the Upper House, saying that some BJP members "gaterashed the site in Parliament complex where the 12 suspended members were staging an agitation and this amounts to taking away the democratic values".

Rajya Sabha Chairman



Leader of the House Piyush Goyal speaks in the Rajya Sabha on Friday | PTI

Venkaiah Naidu said he wants all to work together to resolve the issue. At this, Goyal asked how can there be a reconciliation when the suspended members are not ready to tender an apology. "I want to understand from you sir, what does the Opposition expect from us? They (opposition members) feel what they have done is very legiti-

mate and noble. In these circumstances, what do we say to the Opposition?" he said.

Goyal added that some Opposition leaders and suspended MPs have been making provocative statements in the last few days and this shows they are endorsing the attack on marshals and unruly scenes in the House in the previous session.

Bills to extend tenure of ED & CBI chiefs opposed

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE Opposition on Friday strongly opposed the introduction of the Central Vigilance Commission (Amendment) Bill and the Delhi Police (Special) Provisions Bill, arguing that extending the tenures of the chiefs of the agencies is done with the intention to reward the pliable officials.

Union Minister of State Jitendra Singh introduced the two Bills in Lok Sabha. He said the tenures of the chiefs of the agencies were extended under previous governments in an ad-hoc manner, while these Bills propose to fix the tenures to be not less than five years. The chiefs of Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) and Enforcement Directorate (ED) currently enjoy fixed two-year terms. Opposition parties claimed

that Central agencies in recent years were allegedly taking political commands to harass leaders of rival parties in various states. They also stated that the Bills are in contrast to the observations of the Supreme Court about the agencies.

Claiming that the motive of the government to amend the two Bills is mala fide, Congress leader Shashi Tharoor argued that the Supreme Court has in the past observed that extension of tenures of the agency chiefs should be rare.

Countering Opposition claims, the minister said he has a list of officials who got extension when others were in power at the Centre. He added that the "caged parrot" term for CBI was coined in times of previous governments. The 'parrot has been set free' since the NDA came to power, he added.

Rlys concession loss over ₹2K cr in 2019-20: RTI

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

INDIAN Railways has incurred huge losses from granting concessions in passenger fare during 2019-20 and previous years. As per a reply to an RTI query, the Railways suffered a loss of ₹2,058.61 crore in 2019-20 by granting these concessions.

It has decided that restoration of all concessions is not feasible. Accordingly, 38 of 53 categories of passenger fare concessions have been scrapped. As per RTI details, passenger fare in Indian Railways is highly subsidised and revenue generated from this is less than the operation cost. The revenue foregone due to concessions in various categories in 2020-21 was ₹38 crore.

This has prompted the Railways to suspend 38 categories of concessions out of 53. At present, concession in passenger fare has been restored only in four categories of 'Divyangjan' and 11 categories of patients and students.

Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw has categorically said that concessions would remain withdrawn until a fresh decision is taken. He was replying to a query in Lok Sabha on the concessions in Indian Railways. He also stated that many representations were received for restoration of these concessions. After consideration, these were deemed to be not feasible.

Over 14 lakh bank transactions failed in PM's Kisan scheme

KUMAR VIKRAM @ New Delhi

NEARLY ₹375 crore is pending for reprocessing due to transactions failures in the government's flagship scheme—Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana (PM-KISAN) since its launch in 2019.

Under the scheme, eligible marginal farmers have been electronically given ₹6,000 annually in three equal instal-

ments. There were 14.22 lakh transfers pending due to transaction failure during the 2019-20 fiscal. As per a reply in Parliament by the ministry of agriculture, the number of failed transactions came down to 8.19 lakh in the 2020-21 fiscal.

In the ongoing 2021-22 fiscal, failed transactions were 9.11 lakh till November 30. The amount pending for reprocessing due to failed trans-

actions was ₹182.78 crore in 2019-20, ₹163.99 crore in 2020-21, and ₹28.47 crore in 2021-22.

In a written reply to the Upper House, agriculture minister Narendra Singh Tomar said failed transactions were less than one per cent since the launch of the PM-KISAN scheme. "Under the PM-KISAN scheme, the total number of transactions is 80,27,44,674, of which the number of failed

transactions is less than one per cent," he said. Tomar said the cumulative number of failed transactions was 69,02,227 from February 1, 2019, till November 30 of this year. Of these, 32,02,408 were successfully reprocessed. The minister said transactions failed due to various reasons such as account closed or transferred, invalid IFSC code, account inactive, account dormant, amount exceed-

ing the limit set on account by the bank for credit/debit per transaction and others.

The ministry informed an SoP has been developed to curb transaction failures. Tomar mentioned that his ministry in weekly video meetings takes up the matter with states. Under the Scheme, more than 11.60 crore farmers have been given financial benefits of approximately ₹1.60 lakh crore.

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Ahmedabad	27	14	Mumbai	31	24
Bhopal	27	15	Panaji	29	24
Jaipur	25	13	Patna	27	14
Amritsar	24	12	Lucknow	27	16
Chennai	31	25	Port Blair	30	26
Kolkata	24	22	Imphal	25	11
Srinagar	16	03	Chandigarh	27	11

SUSPENSION ROW

Intimidated by BJP members, claim Oppn MPs

BANSY KALAPPA
@ Bengaluru, New Delhi

THE suspended Opposition MPs, who were staging a protest near the Mahatma Gandhi statue on the Parliament premises, were on Friday gheraoed by about 15-20 MPs of the ruling dispensation, who chanted slogans against the protesters and even intimidated them, according to Congress Rajya Sabha from Ballari, Dr Syed Nasir Hussain.

Hussain told TNIE, "They stepped on the sheets on which we were sitting with their footwear and chanted slogans in an intimidating manner."

The Congress MP, who was president of the Jawaharlal Nehru University students' union during his student days, said, "If they wanted to protest, they could have done so peacefully elsewhere and not come where we were. They were trying to claim that it is wrong for us to protest. They did not want us to protest or speak to the media as many of us have been doing so."

Opposition leader in the Rajya Sabha, Mallikarjun Kharge, who heard about the incident, also expressed concern. In a tweet, Kharge said, "BJP MPs surrounded & threatened opposition MPs who were on a satyagraha in front of Gandhi statue in Parliament. If this can happen inside Parliament, imagine what's happening outside! BJP is hell bent on intimidation & harassment of people who oppose its ideology & policies."

Speaking to TNIE from Delhi, Shiv Sena MP Priyanka Chaturvedi, who was among the protesters, said, "They were rude and they came with placards. Considering that ours is a peaceful protest, it shows their desperation. It shows that the unfairness of this suspension is striking a chord with the people. They are trying to create a confrontational atmosphere, stepping with their footwear on the place where we sit. They are trying to trample over our rights. There were some women too in their group."

OBC leader is new Congress chief in Gujarat

Jagdish Thakor has his hands full as he will have to strike a balance in faction-hit unit

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

IN a move to balance out the caste equation in poll-bound Gujarat, the Congress has appointed OBC leader **Jagdish Thakor** as the Congress state president.

The post was lying vacant since March.

With just a year left for assembly elections in the state, Thakor, a former MP, will have a challenge to take the factional ridden state unit together and keep the flock together with many party MLAs and senior leaders ready to cross over ahead of the elections.

Names of another OBC leader and former state chief Bharat Singh Solanki and Arjun Modhwadia were doing rounds but Thakor emerged as consensus candidate.

"The party is now expected

to include other disgruntled leaders in various state committees to accommodate everyone and including all prominent castes in key state appointments," said a Gujarat Congress leader.

With Thakor's appointment, the party seems to be sticking to its traditional Kshatriya-tribal-Muslim-Dalit vote base. With the Patidar agitation's impact now waning, the Congress seems to have opted for an OBC leader.

In 2019, the party had posed a tough challenge to BJP by limiting the ruling party to two digits. But in the last five years, several MLAs switched sides.

Earlier this year, the Congress lost badly in the civic polls following which the state chief and the legislature party leader resigned in the state.



Union Ministers Som Prakash and Gajendra Singh Shekhawat welcome Punjab's former DGP SS Virk into the BJP, in New Delhi on Friday | SHEKHAR YADAV

Former Punjab DGP joins saffron ranks

Former Director General of Police in Punjab SS Virk on Friday joined the BJP. Former Shiromani Akali Dal leader SS Makkar also joined the party. Union minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat inducted the new entrants in the party. After joining the BJP, Makkar said that he had earlier stated that he would come to the saffron outfit if the farm laws were withdrawn by the central government.

Channi slams Amarinder for 'myopic mindset' towards poor

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chandigarh

PUNJAB Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi on Friday slammed his predecessor Amarinder Singh for a myopic mindset towards the public and added that the Maharaja targeted him because he had raised issues of common man.

At a public gathering in Bhoja near Pathankot, Channi said he had always impressed upon the

former chief minister to safeguard interests of common man. "But instead of resolving the issues to give reprieve to poor and downtrodden, the Maharaja started victimising me."

It is only the Congress which can take a revolutionary decision to oust a Maharaja and bestow responsibility of CM to a common man, Channi said, referring to his humble background. "This revolution can



Rapper Sidhu Moosewala with Channi

sustain only if all the common and needy people stand united to support the Congress."

The trio of PM Modi, the Badals of Shiromani Akali Dal and Amarinder had connived to pass anti-farm laws for jeopardizing interests of state, he claimed. "The Akalis oversaw this anti-farm law as they had passed a bill on contract farming in 2013, which later became the basis of the draconian laws."

Juxtaposing himself with the 'elites' like Badals and Amarinder, Channi said the two sides had enjoyed the fruits of power every five years wherein either of them took over the reins of Punjab. "Now, this nexus is broken and the power is with the common man."

Channi reached out to the people that he was well aware of the woes of people since he had himself faced hardships.

Multiple events lined up for launch of Kashi Corridor

LUCKNOW: A gala event on the inauguration of Kashi Vishwanath Corridor seems to be in store on December 13 when PM Narendra Modi will launch his dream project.

While the PM will reach the venue on a boat via the Ganga to inaugurate the project, the three-day extravaganza on December 12, 13 and 14 will be celebrated like Diwali and Dev Deepawali with huge participation by people of Varanasi.

A direct access to Kashi Vish-

wanath Dham temple from the side of the river Ganga has become possible with the completion of project which had started in March 2019.

Moreover, Shri Kashi Vishwanath Dham is set to emerge as a symbol of nationality too in near future as the Uttar Pradesh government intends to install idols of Bharat Mata, Rani Ahilyabai, Kartikeya and Adi Shankaracharya on its premises. Bharat Mata's statue will be placed in the middle of the Ganga. ENS

Unique achievement of polo team

Team Achievers created history by winning all six tournaments in the Fall Polo Season 2021 held in Delhi recently. Alongside Shamsher Ali, Bashir Ali, Padmanabh Singh, Kuldeep and Dhananjay Singh, Argentina's Juan Cruz Losada and Daniel Otamendi represented the team. Jaipur-based Achievers is the first team in 120 years to win all six tournaments of the Delhi season. Team owners Parul Rai and Vikram Rathor were instrumental behind this. Rathor said, "It's great money is coming into games like kho-kho, kabaddi, satoliya which are heritage sports. Efforts are on to make polo a heritage sports also." The game of polo is popular in Rajasthan.



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JAIPUR DIARY

Colleagues help in wedding of late cop's daughters

Policemen in Rajasthan's Mewar area displayed heart by donating ₹2 lakh for the marriage of the daughters of a late colleague. On November 28, two daughters of Mangilal Sargara, who posted at Kankroli Police Station were married off, six days after the head constable died of cancer. The family, busy preparing for the weddings, plunged into gloom. Even the police station staff were heartbroken by the death of their colleague. But they were determined to make the family happy again. They donated money and made arrangements to make sure the weddings took place. When Mamta and Kavita got married in a simple ceremony, they could not hold back tears. Kankroli Police Station in-charge Yogendra Vyas said they had fulfilled their duty by contributing to the marriage of a late colleague's daughters.

AIMIM MLAs REFUSE TO SING VANDE MATARAM

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Patna

FIVE MLAs of All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM) on Friday triggered a row on Friday when they refused to recite 'Vande Mataram' on the concluding day of the Winter Session of the Bihar Assembly.

AIMIM's state chief and Amour legislator Akhtarul Iman contended that the group did not have any problem in singing the national anthem but there was an ob-

jection to 'Vande Mataram'.

"The Assembly Speaker has started a new tradition by asking the honourable members of the House to recite the national song. The old tradition (of singing 'Jana Gana Mana') should prevail," he contended.

To a query, Iman sought to know the reason for reciting the national song or national anthem on every occasion. "Some people are vegetarian while some

non-vegetarian. It's their choice to prefer which one. Similarly, the new tradition should not be thrust upon every member of the House.

I do have objections over reciting 'Vande Mataram'," he asserted.

The AIMIM leader asserted that he has full faith in the Constitution of the country. "That is why we contested elections and got elected through democratic system. But our Consti-

tution doesn't make it mandatory for every citizen to recite the national anthem."

The AIMIM law maker's statement invited sharp reactions from the BJP, with senior leader Sanjay Singh saying that the statement of Iman clearly shows his intention.

"It's a matter of concern that lawmakers are refusing to recite the national song or national anthem. That means they have scant respect and honour for the nation's democratic set up," Singh added.



Khattar-farmer talk ends in stalemate

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

TALKS between Haryana farmers unions and Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar ended inconclusive on Friday as there was no consensus on the three key demands raised by the farmers.

The meeting at the chief minister's residence lasted more than two hours. Bhartiya Kisan Union's (Chaduni group) Haryana unit president Gurnam Singh Chaduni said, "There is no consensus on the issues which we raised with the Haryana CM in the meeting this evening. The talks yielded no result. We had two rounds of talks with Khattar. Our next strategy will be discussed and deliberated on in tomorrow's meeting of the Samyukta Kisan Morcha at Singhu border."

The farmers have three demands. "First, cases registered against the farmers in Haryana should be withdrawn. Second, families of farmers from the

state who died during the agitations should be given compensation by the government, including a government job for the kin of the deceased. Third, land should be given at Kudli border to build a memorial," Chaduni said.

The farm leader added that Haryana Police has registered more than 200 cases against 48,000 farmers at different police stations on various charges. Sources said the government has sought data from the districts regarding the cases against farmers.

A few days ago, as many as 26 farmer unions from Haryana participated in a meeting, which was presided over by farmer leader Mandeep Singh Nathwan. But the BKU (Chaduni) union did not attend that meeting.

CM Khattar had on Thursday at Karnal said that the state government will invite farmer unions for talks and issues will be discussed with them during the meeting.



Farmers block Kangana's car

Chandigarh: Bollywood actor Kangana Ranaut's car was blocked by farmers near Bunga Sahib in Punjab for her statements against their agitation against the three central farm laws. The farmers later allowed her to leave. Police sources said that the vehicle of Kangana was intercepted on Ropar-Manhwa stretch. The actor was coming from Kulu in Himachal Pradesh to Chandigarh. The members of Bharatiya Kisan Union were reportedly following her from Bilaspur in Himachal. When she reached Bunga Sahib, farmers especially women in large numbers sat in front of her car. Sources said that Kangana's car was blocked for little more than half an hour. While the actor enjoys 'Y' category security cover, a large contingent of police reached the spot and tried to pacify the protesters. The actor clarified that she never said anything derogatory about farmers. Later, she came out of the car and hugged some of the women protesters before leaving the spot.

EXPRESS READ

Malik smells conspiracy in transfer of drug cases

Mumbai: The Union home ministry has asked the Maharashtra government to transfer five drug-related cases having 'interstate and international ramifications' to the Narcotics Control Bureau, an order that has raised the hackles of the NCP. Party chief spokesperson and minister Nawab Malik said, "By asking to hand over the top five drug-related cases to Maharashtra's anti-drug agency, the Home department is trying to encroach over the rights of state government."

Bengal probe panel calls 21 for statement on Pegasus

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Kolkata

DELHI Police commissioner Rakesh Asthana, election strategist Prashant Kishor and TMC leader Abhishek Banerjee are among the 21 people summoned by the inquiry commission set up by the Bengal government to look into the Pegasus spyware row.

The Commission comprising retired Supreme Court judge M B Lokur and former chief justice of Kolkata High Court Jyotirmoy Bhattacharya summoned the political figures, senior politicians and others to record their statement.

While announcing the commission's formation, Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee had said the panel would probe the

illegal hacking, tracking and recording of mobile phones in Bengal.

"Many of those who were summoned have already responded and said they would turn up before the Commission for recording their statements. The process of the inquiry will soon begin," said an official working with the commission. The Opposition parties had raised hue and cry alleging the Israeli spyware was used to spook on the political leaders, journalists and others after a report had claimed Indian government had procured Pegasus. In July, the monsoon session of Parliament was washed out with both the Centre and the opposition refusing to budge from their positions.

TREASURE TROVE

Bihar dist in spotlight after Centre's gold reserve remark

RAMASHANKAR MISHRA @ Patna

KARMATIA village under Sono block in Bihar's Maoist-infested Jamui district has hogged the limelight following Union minister Pralhad Joshi's statement in the Lok Sabha that the sleepy hamlet claimed to have India's largest gold reserves.

On Wednesday, the Union minister in a written reply to a question raised by BJP Bihar state president Sanjay Jaiswal,

MP, revealed that around 222.885 million tones of gold metal is available, including 37.6 tones of mineral-rich ore, in Jamui district alone.

"The country has a total primary gold ore reserve of 501.83 tonnes. Of which, 654.74 tonnes are gold. Of this, 44% gold has been found only in Bihar," said Jaiswal, quoting the reply of the union mining minister in his letter in the lower House.

On being contacted, Jamui



District Magistrate Avneesh Kumar Singh said, "I sought a report from Sono Circle Officer Rajesh Kumar after the matter

was raised in the parliament. The CO's report is based on a survey earlier conducted by a Geological Survey of India (GSI) team in the Karmatia gold field in the district, near the Jharkhand border."

GSI had last visited the area to conduct a survey in 2015. "The team stayed at the Sono block headquarters for several months after which it submitted its report to the Union government. Since then there is no

development on this front," the DM told TNIE.

He, however, revealed that it would prove a game changer for the entire Naxal affected belt, if the high-ups in the union ministry took up the matter and excavation started in the gold field. Karmatia village under Churhait panchayat is spread over 1,000 acres of land, which has a strong possibility of having gold reserves, the DM said.

Felicitations for Twitter CEO's parents

New Twitter CEO Parag Agrawal has old roots in Rajasthan. His paternal and maternal grand-parents live in the state and both his parents spent their formative years in Rajasthan. Parag's grandfather Ramchandra Agrawal used to work in a shop in Ajmer where the family lived in a rented house. Once Parag's father got a job, he shifted to Mumbai and Parag was educated there. He was born in Ajmer's JLN Hospital. His parents, father Ram Gopal and mother Shashi, are currently on a 10-day visit to Rajasthan where they will be felicitated by various organisations in Ajmer. One of Parag's five paternal aunts got married in Bhilwara and remains in Rajasthan.



Pilot poetic in reply to question on CM

At a recent event in Jaipur, Sachin Pilot, the former Deputy CM of Rajasthan, was seen in a poetic mood. While discussing party strategy for future elections, he was asked who would be the chief ministerial face in 2023? Pilot said, "No one can snatch what is written in fate, and no one can give what is not in your destiny." His poetic style was much-appreciated by the audience. Though Pilot has lost both his positions of Congress state president and Deputy CM, his style quotient remains high. He insists that elections will be fought under collective leadership.

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List of pledges:-

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Lankan factory manager lynched by mob in Pak over blasphemy

COLOMBO

A Sri Lankan factory manager in Pakistan was on Friday beaten to death and set ablaze by a mob, police confirmed, in an incident local media reported was linked to alleged blasphemy.

Few issues are as galvanising in Pakistan as blasphemy, and even the slightest suggestion of an insult to Islam can supercharge protests and incite lynchings. Rights groups say accusations can often be wielded to settle personal vendettas, with minorities largely the target.



Police at the scene where a man was lynched in Sialkot | AFP

Police told AFP that Friday's incident took place in Sialkot, about 200 kilometres southeast of the capital Islamabad. Several gruesome video clips

shared on social media showed a mob beating the prone victim while chanting slogans against blasphemy. Other clips showed his body set ablaze, as well as the overturned wreckage of what was said to be his car.

Many in the mob made no attempt to hide their identity and some took selfies in front of the burning corpse.

"I am extremely shocked at the horrific Sialkot incident," Punjab provincial chief minister Usman Buzdar tweeted.

"No one is allowed to take law in their hands. Rest assured, individuals involved in this inhumane act will not be

spared!" Local police said they would investigate "all aspects" of the incident. Punjab government spokesman Hassaan Khawar told reporters in Lahore that "police have arrested 50 people after the incident".

He said that "CCTV footage is being carefully looked into as we have been directed to complete the inquiry within 48 hours". "We are very clear that Islam teaches us peace and tranquillity and abhors violence," Khawar added. Meanwhile, the Prime Minister's special representative Tahir Ashrafi said that "those in-

involved in this barbarian act have misused blasphemy law and defamed Islam".

The slogans chanted in the social media videos were the same used by supporters of the Tehreek-e-Labbaik Pakistan (TLP) — an anti-blasphemy party.

On Sunday, thousands of people torched a police station in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province after demanding officers hand over a man accused of burning the Koran. In April 2017 an angry mob lynched university student Mashal Khan when he was accused of posting blasphemous content online. AFP

ABANDONED

China pulls from project in Lanka after India objects

Bid to install hybrid energy plants on islands near TN rolled back over 'security concerns'

BEIJING

CHINA has suspended a project to install hybrid energy plants in three islands of Sri Lanka, citing "security concern" from a "third party", amid reports of India raising concern over its location.

In January, the Chinese firm, Sino Soar Hybrid Technology, was awarded the contract to install a hybrid renewable energy system in Delft, Nagadeepa and Analthivu islands, off the coast of Jaffna, according to a report in *newsfirst.lk* news website published on Thursday.

The three islets are located close to Tamil Nadu.

Without naming India, the Chinese embassy here in a tweet on Wednesday confirmed that "Sino Soar Hybrid Technology, being suspended to build Hybrid Energy system in 3 northern islands Flag of Sri Lanka due to 'security concern' from a third party".

Instead, it added, Beijing has inked a contract with Male on November 29 to establish solar power plants at 12 islands in the Maldives. AFP

According to the *newsfirst.lk* report, in early 2021, India lodged a "strong protest" with Lanka on the award of the tender to the Chinese company for the construction of renewable energy power plants in Delft, Nagadeepa and Analthivu.

The contract was part of the Supporting Electricity Supply Reliability Improvement Project, which is implemented by the Ceylon Electricity Board (CEB) and funded by the Asian Development Bank (ADB), it said.

Last month, the Lankan government awarded the state-run China Harbour Engineering Company the contract to develop Colombo Port's eastern container terminal, months after it scrapped a tripartite deal with India and Japan to build the deep-sea container port.

China is one of the biggest investors in various infrastructure projects in Sri Lanka under Beijing's controversial Belt and Road Initiative (BRI). But there has been criticism, both locally and internationally, and growing concerns that China has lured Sri Lanka into a debt trap. PTI

In rare move, parents of US teen who shot four charged

WASHINGTON

THE parents of a 15-year-old boy who shot dead four fellow students at his high school in the northern US state of Michigan were charged with involuntary manslaughter on Friday, in a rare move by prosecutors.

James and Jennifer Crumbley, the parents of Ethan Crumbley, have each been charged with four counts of involuntary manslaughter; Oakland County prosecutor Karen McDonald said.

"These charges are intended to hold the individuals who contributed to this tragedy accountable and also send the message that gun owners have a responsibility," McDonald said at a press conference.

"While the shooter was the one who entered the high school and pulled the trigger, there are other individuals who contributed to the events on November 30 and it's my intention to hold them accountable as well," she said.

While school shootings occur frequently in the United States, it is unusual for parents to face charges.

James Crumbley had purchased the nine-millimeter Sig Sauer semi-automatic handgun used by his son four days earlier at a local gun store.

Ethan Crumbley was with his father for the purchase and the teenager later posted a picture of the gun on his social media account, writing "just got my new beauty today" along with a heart emoji.

Four students, aged 14 to 17, were killed in the shooting at Oxford High School north of Detroit and six were wounded, along with a teacher.

Ethan Crumbley has been charged as an adult with state murder and terror charges.

According to police, Ethan Crumbley recorded a video on his cell phone saying he was planning to launch an attack at the school the next day, but it was not posted online. AFP

UAE signs 14-bn-euro deal for 80 Rafale jets

ABU DHABI

THE UAE signed a record 14-billion-euro contract for 80 Rafale warplanes and committed billions of euros in other deals as French President Emmanuel Macron kicked off a Gulf tour on Friday.

The resource-rich order ever made for the French jets came as Macron held talks with Abu Dhabi Crown Prince Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed at the start of a two-day trip which will also take in Qatar and Saudi Arabia.

The resource-rich UAE, one of the French defence industry's biggest customers, also inked an order for 12 Caracal military transport helicopters for a total bill of more than 17 billion euros.

"French engagement in the region, active cooperation in the fight against terrorism and



Abu Dhabi's Crown Prince Mohammed bin Zayed al-Nahyan (R) greets French President Emmanuel Macron in Dubai during the latter's trip to the UAE | AFP

the clear positions we have taken have allowed us to grow closer with the United Arab Emirates," Macron told journalists.

"And at a time when questions are being asked about other long-term partners, I think this reinforces the position of France," he added, de-

scribing France as a "solid" and "trustworthy" ally that "sticks to its commitments".

Abu Dhabi's Mubadala sovereign wealth fund also pledged eight billion euros in investments in French businesses, while the licence of the UAE capital's branch of the Louvre

art gallery was extended for 10 years to 2047.

The Emirates was the fifth biggest customer for the French defence industry with 4.7 billion euros from 2011-2020.

France has faced criticism after some of these weapons were used during the UAE's engagement in Yemen, where a Saudi-led coalition is fighting Iran-backed rebels in a war that has created one of the world's worst humanitarian crises.

The Rafale order, signed on Friday while Macron met with Sheikh Mohammed at Dubai's Expo site, is the biggest made internationally for the Dassault Aviation aircraft.

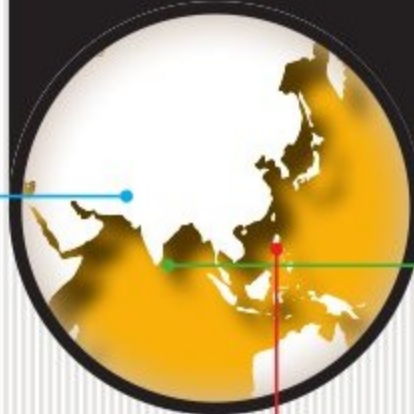
It follows the collapse of a multibillion-dollar submarine deal with Australia in September that left Paris fuming after Canberra negotiated a new defence pact with London and Washington. AFP

PAKISTAN

Activist, 3 ex-officers convicted of spying

Pakistani military courts have convicted a prominent rights activist and three retired army officers on charges of espionage and sedition, sentencing them to prison terms ranging from 12 to 14 years, two security officials said Friday. The four were tried in separate, unrelated cases. It was unclear when and where the proceedings against them took place, and the two security officers declined to confirm further details. The activist, Idris Khattak, went missing while travelling in the country's northwest in 2019 in what later turned out to be a case of forced disappearance by Pakistani security agencies. For months, there was no information about him until authorities confirmed he was in custody. Khattak was sentenced to 14 years, sources told Associated Press.

ASIA MATTERS



PHILIPPINES

Military says Muslim rebel leader killed in clash

Philippine troops killed an Islamic rebel leader and four of his men in fighting in the volatile south in the latest setback for insurgent forces aligned with the Islamic State group, military officials said on Friday. Army troops gunned down Asim Karinda and four others in a gunbattle in a rural village near Mamasapano town on Thursday, just over a month after he took over Daulah Islamiya, an armed Islamic group whose previous leader was killed in an army offensive, regional military commander Major General Juvmax Uy said.

SRI LANKA

Sabotage suspected after power outage

A major power failure affected most parts of Sri Lanka on Friday, prompting the country's police to launch a probe into the cause of such a widespread outage. The power outage was experienced across the country this morning. Sri Lanka's largest electricity company Ceylon Electricity Board said restoration work would take hours. Some areas saw services returning within a few hours. The state electricity entity said police have been asked to investigate if sabotage had been the reason. M R Manatunga, General Manager of CEB, said the power disruption was suspected to be an act of sabotage by the CEB engineers' union who have been protesting against an energy deal with a US company. The government has faced political and trade union resistance over the proposed agreement.

Lebanese minister whose remarks on Yemen sparked row with Saudis quits

BEIRUT

THE Lebanese minister whose remarks on the Saudi intervention in Yemen's war sparked a row with Gulf countries that exacerbated Lebanon's multiple crises resigned on Friday in hopes it would help end the standoff.

Georges Kordahi, speaking during a press conference, said he hoped this decision "could open a window... towards improved bilateral ties" with Saudi Arabia and its Gulf allies.

"The timing is right because I am offering something that could provide Lebanon with an exit" from the crisis, the former information minister said.

Kordahi's resignation has been on the table for weeks and is expected to help end a political and diplomatic quandary that has crippled Lebanon's fledgling cabinet since October.

Kordahi said the resignation, which he had initially ruled out, became inevitable earlier this week when he met Prime Minister Najib Mikati.

"I understood from Prime



George Kordahi holds a press conference in Beirut on Friday | AFP

Minister Najib Mikati... that the French want my resignation before Macron's visit to Riyadh because it could maybe help them start a dialogue with Saudi officials over Lebanon and the future of bilateral ties," Kordahi told reporters.

Kordahi criticised the Saudi-led military intervention in Yemen during an interview which was recorded before he became minister but was aired on Lebanese TV after he joined the cabinet.

His comments angered Saudi Arabia as well as Kuwait, Bahrain and the UAE, which re-

sponded by recalling their ambassadors from Beirut.

Saudi Arabia also blocked imports and Kuwait said it would limit visas issued to Lebanese, prompting fears that a Gulf backlash could endanger the interests of millions of expatriates living in Arab states of the oil-rich Gulf.

The standoff marked a fresh blow for Lebanon, whose government was only formed in September after a 13-month deadlock. After Kordahi's announcement, Mikati called the resignation a "necessary" move. AFP

China on Friday launched the first cross-border train of its multi-billion-dollar Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) from Laos, which Beijing says will help the small and only landlocked country in South East Asia turn into a land-linked hub, boost regional connectivity and supply chain resilience

1,035-km

ELECTRIFIED PASSENGER AND CARGO RAILWAY CONNECTS KUNMING IN SOUTHWEST CHINA'S YUNNAN PROVINCE WITH LAOS' CAPITAL VIENTIANE. IT TOOK FIVE YEARS TO CONSTRUCT

160 km/hr

With a maximum operating speed of 160-km per hour, the travel time from Kunming to Vientiane takes about 10 hours, including customs clearance time.

Laos, a communist-run country of 7.2 million people, previously had only four kilometres of railway tracks

DEBT WORRIES AS CHINA LAUNCHES TRAIN TO LAOS



A train leaves Puer station in southwestern China's Yunnan Province on the newly-launched route to Laos | AFP

CONCERNS OVER HEAVY BORROWING

Borrowed money makes up 60% of the railway's investment. Analysts have acknowledged a potential economic lift, but have asked how infrastructure-poor Laos will pay its \$1.06 billion debt liability. Foreign experts say that is unusually high for an infrastructure project and increases the risk that the railway might fail to generate enough revenue to repay its debt

FIRST CROSS-BORDER PROJECT UNDER B.R.I.

This is the first cross-border project under the BRI, China's multibillion-dollar project in different countries with Chinese investments enhancing Beijing's global influence. Some 4,400 farmers and villagers, who were forced to give up their land to make way for the line. Many of them have had to wait a long time for compensation or have received insufficient amounts, according to a report by the Lao Movement for Human Rights

FIRM STANCE

No question of abandoning NATO dreams, says Ukraine

KIEV

UKRAINE rejects any efforts to get it to abandon its plans to join NATO, as well as any "guarantee" sought by Russia to ease tensions on the border; Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba told AFP on Friday.

Kiev, which says such a pledge "is not an option", urged the United States and its allies to reject the demands made by Moscow, he said on the sidelines of an OSCE meeting in Stockholm.

Meanwhile, Ukraine again sounded alarm on Friday saying Russia could launch a large-scale attack on the country in late January.

"The most likely time to reach readiness for escalation will be the end of January," Ukrainian Defence Minister Oleksiy Reznikov said.

US President Joe Biden said he would make it "very, very difficult" for Russia to launch any invasion of Ukraine.

Biden told reporters he was putting together "the most comprehensive and meaningful set of initiatives to make it very, very difficult for Mr Putin to go ahead and do what people are worried he may do."

Biden and Putin are likely to hold talks next week over Ukraine, Kremlin foreign policy adviser Yuri Ushakov told reporters on Friday. Agencies

EXPRESS READ

Teenager charged with UK Sikh teen's murder

London: A 17-year-old boy in the UK was on Friday charged with the murder of British Sikh teenager Rishmeet Singh, who was stabbed to death in a fight involving a group of people on a west London street. The boy, who cannot be named for legal reasons, was arrested on suspicion of murder on Thursday and appeared at Wimbledon Magistrates Court on Friday. The arrest follows public appeals by Scotland Yard for information on to the murder of the 16-year-old British Sikh teenager. A second 19-year-old man arrested on Tuesday has been bailed to a date in late December.



Govt seeks ₹3.73 L cr additional spending

Second batch of supplementary demands include ₹62,000 cr for Air India & ₹58,430 cr towards fertiliser subsidy



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THE government on Friday sought nod for gross additional spending of over ₹3.73 lakh crore in the current financial year, including ₹62,000 crore towards Air India, ₹58,430 crore towards fertiliser subsidy, ₹53,123 crore towards pending export incentives and ₹22,039 crore for the National Rural Employment Guarantee Fund.

The second batch of supplementary demands for grants, tabled in Lok Sabha by Minister of State for Finance Pankaj Chaudhary, said that the net cash outgo would be over ₹2.99

lakh crore and ₹74,517 crore would be matched by savings by different ministries.

As per the document, ₹62,057 crore would be given to the Civil Aviation Ministry for equity infusion in Air India Assets Holding Company (AIAHL) for re-payment of past government guaranteed borrowing and past dues/liabilities of Air India. Besides, an additional ₹2,628 crore would be given towards loans and advances to Air India for recoupment of advance from Contingency Fund of India.

Besides, the Department of Food and Public Distribution would be given ₹49,805 crore for meeting expenditure towards various schemes.

About ₹14,000 crore additional amount has been sought for Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs including for meeting the requirement for NPAs under Prime Minister's Street Vendors' Atmanirbhar Nidhi (PM SVA-Nidhi) and for creation of capital assets under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojna Urban (PMAY-U). Another over ₹5,000 crore and over ₹4,000 crore has

been earmarked for the ministries of defence and home, respectively. The government had in August received Parliament nod for net additional spending of ₹23,675 cr in the first batch of supplementary demands.

According to ICRA Chief Economist Aditi Nayar, by October 2021, 52% of the full year expenditure target had been completed, and a portion of the higher-than-expected net cash outgo of ₹3 lakh crore in the second supplementary demand for grants will need to be absorbed through savings in other demands, to curtail the impact on the fiscal deficit.



Wake up or you will see large parts of the traditional financial markets move out. There is also a counter question from a policy and financial stability point of view — Uday Kotak

GPay, PhonePe eating up bank biz, warns Kotak

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ New Delhi

IF Indian banks continue to neglect the online payments business, they could end up losing bulk of their traditional business to digital wallets platforms such as Google Pay and PhonePe, Kotak Mahindra Bank CEO Uday Kotak warned on Friday. Speaking at an event, he said Indian bankers have been short-sighted on the payments business, leading to unified payments interface (UPI) payments being monopolised by the two major digital wallets, which control 85% of the market share.

"Wake up or you will see

large parts of the traditional financial markets move out," he said at the Infinity Forum organised by the International Financial Services Centres Authority and Bloomberg. "Bankers were short-sighted. Their standard response was that there is no money in the payments business," said Kotak.

To tide over competition, he advised bankers to adopt a customer-centric approach instead of a sales-centric one. For this, lenders must hire more talent and significantly scale up their technologies, he added. At the same time, Kotak said regulators need to be alert about the use of data by these fintech companies, he added.

FM: Global action only way to regulate evolving tech like cryptocurrencies

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FINANCE Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Friday said that no country has found a one-point formula to regulate technology like cryptocurrency and collective 'global action' is the only way to regulate evolving technologies, including cryptocurrencies.

"Even as we are thinking at a national level, there should simultaneously be a global mechanism through which we are constantly monitoring the movement of technology, so that whether it is your cryptocurrency, tech-driven payment systems, data privacy, whether it is ensuring that data is used ethically... When you are look-

ing at data as one of the revenue generating options, to regulate it will have to be a collective effort," the FM said, speaking at the InFinity Forum organised by International Financial Services Centres Authority, in partnership with GIFT City and Bloomberg.

Her comments come at a time when the government is preparing to come out with legislation to regulate cryptocurrencies and resonates with what Prime Minister Narendra Modi had warned last month. "Nations should recognise national rights and at the same time promote trade, investment and larger

public good. Take cryptocurrency or bitcoin for example. It is important that all democratic nations work together on this and ensure it does not end up in wrong hands, which can spoil our youth," PM had said.

Sitharaman said regulation — legislative as well as executive — have so far only been catching up with technology. "So as long the executive and legislature are only catching up, you will never be on top of it. And with technology, I am not sure they (regulators) can ever be on top of this kind of situation, because it is ever-changing and ever-evolving," she said.



Airtel, VIL get back bank guarantees of ₹6,500 cr from DoT

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FOLLOWING the relief measures announced a few months back for the telecom sector, the Department of Telecommunication (DoT) returned around ₹6,500 crore of bank guarantees (BGs) to Bharti Airtel and Vodafone Idea. The amount is part of a relief package in which the government decided to cut bank guarantee requirements against statutory dues such as licensee fees by 80%.

As per the reports, DoT currently holds some ₹35,000 crore in BGs for Vodafone Idea and Bharti Airtel, out of which around ₹13,000 crore are related to sub-judice matters. As per the industry estimates, the amount of ₹13,000 crore will

have to return to the telcos.

The government, while announcing the relief measures for the telecom industry, had said that the operators would not have to provide any financial instrument to secure the instalments of payments for statutory dues. It also cut the existing BG requirements for statutory dues by 80%.

Industry experts believe, the move will be very helpful for ailing telcos like Vodafone as it would improve their liquid cash positions.

With this amount, Vodafone Idea, which has a ton of debt on its shoulders, will be able to access more loans. Subsequently, it can invest in its 4G network and improve its network better just like its competitors Airtel and Jio.

ASIANOMICS

JAPAN

KEEP UP FISCAL, MONETARY SUPPORT: OECD

Japan must maintain its expansive fiscal policy until its economic recovery from the pandemic is on track and not dial back its ultra-loose monetary policy too soon, the OECD said on Friday. The coronavirus pandemic hit the economy hard, and its recovery has been relatively modest but growth is on course to regain momentum, it said in its Japan economic survey, which it published for the first time since April, 2019. If the Bank of Japan's (BOJ) monetary policy were to succeed in bringing inflation to its 2% target, it would likely lead to higher interest rates and therefore trigger a need for fiscal consolidation. Inflation should gradually pick up as the economy begins to emerge from the pandemic and spare capacity shrinks, it said, adding that supply disruptions and rising prices elsewhere in the world could pass through to lift domestic inflation. Japan's debt has grown to more than twice the size of its GDP, and the best way for reducing that ratio is by strengthening the growth of the economy. Interest payments on public debt have been kept low in part due to the BOJ's monetary and yield curve control policies, which have helped enable the government to borrow without risking higher or volatile interest rates, the survey said.

SNAPPING ITS TWO-SESSION RALLY



SENSEX CRASHES 765 POINTS ON OMICRON FEARS

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INDIA'S equity market fell sharply on Friday after rallying around 2.5% in the previous two sessions. The benchmark indices — BSE Sensex shed 765 points, or 1.3%, to close the session at 57,696, while the Nifty50 plunged 205 points, or 1.2%, to shut shop at 17,197.

The bears' comeback was attributed to detection of a new Covid-19 variant, the Omicron, in India.

"As of now, it looks like the situation is under control for the Omicron virus in India but if it spreads, it will impact the market," said Yash Gupta, Equity Research Analyst at Angel One.

Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial Services, said that concerns over the new Omicron variant, rising global inflation and the Fed's (Federal Reserve's) remarks on early tapering continued to drive volatility in the market.

"Positive domestic macroeconomic data supporting economic growth helped in boosting investor senti-

ments during the first half of the week," added Nair.

The relentless selling by foreign investors is another reason for the fall. As per National Securities Depository Limited data, foreign investors are selling continuously from November 23 onwards.

"The day's action confirms that Dalal Street is still at the mercy of the FII's relentless selling and Nifty could simply tumble if the Omicron issue escalates.

From a chartist standpoint, Nifty will paint a bearish picture only below the 16989 mark," said Prashant Tapse, Vice President (Research), Mehta Equities.

Going forward, RBI's monetary policy meeting will be a key market driver in the coming days. "We expect RBI to continue its accommodative stance with policy rates unchanged while it will continue absorbing excess liquidity from the market through variable rate reverse repo (VRRR) auctions," said VK Vijayakumar, Chief Investment Strategist at Geojit Financial Services.

NEW SERVICE

Paytm Money launches PMS marketplace for HNIs

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PAYTM Money, Paytm's wholly-owned subsidiary, has partnered with PMS Bazaar, a Portfolio Management Services (PMS) advisory start-up, to launch PMS marketplace for high-net-worth individuals.

PMS is an investment service offered to HNIs with Sebi mandating a minimum investment of ₹50 lakh. There are many PMS schemes offered by different management companies, but this process is time-consuming for investors to evaluate each scheme, said the company. Paytm Money said that PMS marketplace offers key parameters for each scheme such as total assets, inception date, benchmark, and fund manager details. The fund listing section shows the performance of schemes over multiple time horizons and against benchmarks.

Earlier, Paytm Money had introduced a feature for users to apply in IPOs as an HNI investor. This marketplace is to cater to the needs of HNI investors. R Pallavarajan, Founder & Director, PMS Bazaar, said, "This strategic tie-up will leapfrog the penetration of PMS investments in India. Paytm Money's reach combined with PMS Bazaar's distribution muscle will herald a new dawn in the PMS space. Apart from distribution, PMS Bazaar's content will help nurture investors and deliver new actionable insights, thus boosting industry growth."

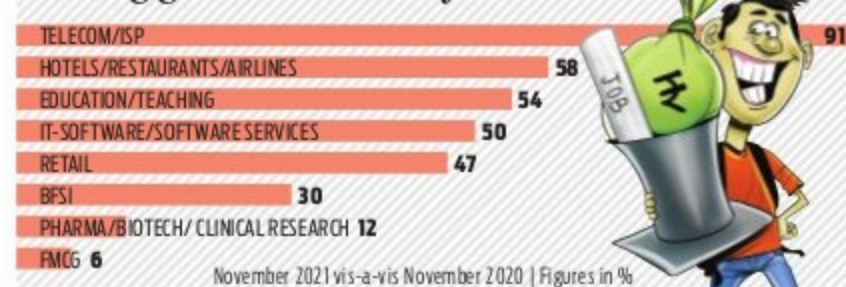
Hiring activity up 26% in Nov: Naukri JobSpeak

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HIRING activity in India has grown by 26% year-on-year (Y-o-Y) in November as the retail sector bustled with opportunities on festive hype, according to Naukri JobSpeak Index. Telecom, retail, hospitality, IT and education are sectors showing the most optimistic sentiment.

The onset of the festive season marked the comeback of the retail sector - showing a 47% Y-o-Y growth in November '21, said the report. "Another sector which traditionally benefited in the festive

Hiring growth across key industries



season was hospitality/travel (+58%). In a bid to fall back to normalcy, schools are primed to reopen across the country; The education sector (+54%) experienced a resultant uptick in hiring," it added.

Hiring activity in November '21 has also grown in major job creation sectors - banking/financial services (+30%) and IT/software (+50%), as compared to November '20. While the telecom/ISP (+91%) industry con-

tinues to grow, the index reported a muted growth in medical/healthcare (+3%) and FMCG (+6%) sectors.

Metro cities have outperformed their tier-II counterparts in the annual growth charts, owing to continuous growth of the IT-software and BFSI sectors, according to the index.

Hyderabad (+47%), Pune (+47%) and Bengaluru (+49%) recorded the highest growth. Hiring was also positive in Mumbai (+36%), Delhi/NCR (+34%) and Chennai (+35%) while Kolkata (+23%) witnessed relatively slower growth, the report revealed.

Jet Airways in 'advanced discussions' with Boeing and Airbus to buy planes

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JET Airways on Friday said it is in advanced discussions with aircraft manufacturers Boeing and Airbus for buying and leasing planes.

The airline, which was grounded in 2019, has been acquired by Muralidharan-Jalan-Kalrock Capital consortium under the insolvency resolution process. The partners are eyeing to restart Jet operations from early next year.

"Its (Jet Airways) successful resolution applicant is currently in the process of reviving the company and imple-



menting the approved plan... As part of such revival, the successful resolution applicant (consortium) has been in advanced discussions since the approval date with aircraft manufacturers - The Boeing Company and Airbus SE regarding the acquisition/leasing of aircraft to recommence operations of Jet Airways in India," Jet Airways said in a

regulatory filing. It added that "no fixed value can be determined as on date as the discussions are still ongoing".

According to market buzz, the consortium is in talks with Boeing and Airbus for acquiring some 100 aircraft. If the consortium and Boeing enter into an agreement, it will be the second time in quick succession that the US-based company is selling its planes in large numbers to an Indian carrier. Last month, Rakesh Jhunjhunwala-backed Akasa Air ordered 72 Boeing 737 MAX airplanes to build its fleet as it also aims to start operations from early next year.

EXPRESS READ

Voda files application for retro tax settlement

New Delhi: British telecom giant Vodafone on Friday said it has filed an application with Indian authorities for settlement of their retrospective tax dispute. Vodafone further said it has "always been confident" that no tax is due on the company. The government in August enacted a law to end all retrospective taxation imposed on indirect transfer of Indian assets.

Sebi in process of ESG-specific MFs disclosure

New Delhi: Markets regulator Sebi is in the process of putting in place disclosure for mutual fund schemes with the ESG (environment sustainability and governance) theme, its chief Ajay Tyagi said on Friday. Also, the regulator is examining the disclosure of ESG related aspects in the rating press release by credit rating agencies, he added.

₹22,067-cr rail infra to boost coal transportation

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TO enhance coal transportation efficiency in the country, the government will implement 14 railway infrastructure projects worth ₹22,067 crore. With the commencement of the project, the government expects to augment the coal evacuation capacity to 410 MTPA. These projects will cover 2,680 km across Jharkhand, Odisha and

Chhattisgarh.

"Presently, Coal India Limited (CIL) incurs about ₹3,400 crore on transportation charges of coal. Also, large volumes of coal are transported via road, which many a times lead to accidents while passing through rural areas because of narrow and poorly maintained road structures. To avert these hindrances, the government has projected to

invest in alternative modes of transport, viz: rail, inland waterways, coastal shipping etc," said the ministry of coal in a press statement.

Coal is the mainstay of the Indian energy sector catering to more than 50% of the total energy generation capacity mix. As per the coal ministry, the project will make the transportation of coal from point of production to the point of consump-



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The borrowers, in specific and the public, in general, are hereby notified that public auction of the gold ornaments pledged in the below accounts is proposed to be conducted at the following branches on 20/12/2021 from 10.00 am onwards. The auction is of the gold ornaments of defaulted customers who have failed to make payment of their loan amount despite being notified by registered letters. Unauctioned items shall be auctioned on any other days without any further notice. Reserve price is fixed on the basis of market price of the gold on the date of auction or the 85% of the average 30 days IBA rate whichever is higher. Change in venue or date (if any) will be displayed at the auction centre and on the company website. The details given below are in the order of Branch Name, Loan Number, Customer Name, Total Due Amount (in ₹) & Item Name

List of pledges:-

DR. BRAHMIN STREET KALLAR, 12642070005170, NARASIMHA MURTHY GM, STUD 2, 5187, NAVEEN KUMAR K K, 41374, STUD 2, 5325, SHABANA KANAKAM, 11080, FINGER RINGS 2, 5383, K SRINIVAS, 9994, MATTI 2, 5385, RAMESH KUMAR, 361833, CHAIN 1, DROPS & STUD 2, NECKLACE 3, 5394, NATARAJA BR, 21845, DROPS & STUD 2, 5399, SHASHIKALA V, 8900, STUD 2, 5427, ANAND M, 18500, STUD 2, 5449, NARASIMHA MURTHY, 10498, DROPS & STUD 2, 5458, VENKATESH V, 1400, FINGER RINGS 2, 5482, VISHWANATHA, 35900, CHAIN 1, 5501, NANDAKUMAR N, 10900, FINGER RINGS 1, 5523, MALAM, 9097, STUD 2, 5606, MAHESH BABU CV, 27919, FINGER RINGS 1, 5677, SHIVARAJ V, 14000, FINGER RINGS 1, 5705, ANANDAKA, 160133, CHAIN 1, 5709, NARASIMHA MURTHY, 19992, DROPS & STUD 2, 5721, KEERTHI K M, 12984, FINGER RINGS 1, 5747, VENKATESHAPPA V M, 84000, CHAIN 1, FINGER RINGS 3, STUD 2, 5779, ANANDAKA, 161105, CHAIN 2, FINGER RINGS 3, 5833, SHEKAR RAO C R, 14991, DROPS & STUD 2, 5941, MUNIRAJ, 97000, BRACELET 1, CHAIN 1, 5990, ANANDA, 8194, FINGER RINGS 1, 6008, VISHWANATHA, 11124, FINGER RINGS 1, 6047, NARASIMHA MURTHY, 7000, FINGER RINGS 1, 6124, SAGAR L A, 12995, FINGER RINGS 1, 6130, MUNIVEKATAPPA, 20697, FINGER RINGS 1, STUD 2, 6145, SARASWATHI, 7678, FINGER RINGS 1, 6220, SURESH RK, 15090, BRACELET 1, CHAIN 1, 6336, CHOWDPASHA K R, 10620, BRACELET 1, 6471, NANDAKUMAR N, 52000, CHAIN 1, 6618, MANOHARA N, 15500, DROPS & STUD 2, 6842, PADMAVATHI, 31973, CHAIN 1, FINGER RINGS 1, 6845, SYED SALMAN PASHA, 16500, DROPS & STUD 2, FINGER RINGS 1, 6876, ANDHA V, 20700, FINGER RINGS 2, 6908, SHABANA KOUSAR, 9000, ELAS, 81, 9047, PILLEGOWDA, 10800, STUD 2, 6950, LALITHA S V, 5600, FINGER RINGS 1, 6955, RAGHAVENDRABABU G, 24999, DROPS & STUD 2, 6965, VENKATARAMANA, 4998, STUD 2, 6982, MANJUNATHA SINGH, 51000, NECKLACE 1, 6994, RAGHAVENDRABABU G, 29982, CHAIN 1, 7050, SHEKAR RAO C R, 26955, CHAIN 1, 7069, NARASIMHA MURTHY, 16500, FINGER RINGS 1, 7091, MURALI P V, 15038, DROPS & STUD 2, 7300, GULNAZ, 26000, DROPS & STUD 2, 7311, GOPALAPPA, 81528, NECKLACE 1, 7315, MALA M, 20000, DROPS & STUD 2, 7332, THIMAHEES C M, 43907, CHAIN 1, 7350, SHAHEEN TAJ, 10000, FINGER RINGS 1, 7366, ASHRA V, 23689, DROPS & STUD 2, 7367, RAJAPPA, 20999, DROPS & STUD 2, 7386, SHAMS TAZED, 40000, NECKLACE 1, 7391, NAGARAJ T L, 135800, CHAIN 1, DROPS & STUD 6, 7392, SANDEEPA C, 18000, FINGER RINGS 1, 7395, HARIPRASAD, 18000, STUD 2, 7397, K SRINIVAS, 20000, DROPS & STUD 2, FINGER RINGS 1, 7405, MURALI B, 27200, FINGER RINGS 2, 7419, KOUSAR, 12000, FINGER RINGS 1, 7429, PRAKASH K M, 88900, BROAD BANGLES 2, 7435, SAFURABUNU, 50000, DROPS & STUD 2, 7437, JAGANNATHAM, 15000, FINGER RINGS 1, 7438, MANOHARA N, 8000, FINGER RINGS 1, 7456, MAHESHA T, 40992, DROPS & STUD 6, FINGER RINGS 1, 7481, SRINATH N, 118800, CHAIN 2, FINGER RINGS 1, 7483, SAVITHA S, 83700, CHAIN 1, FINGER RINGS 1, 7484, S H SATHISH, 22800, FINGER RINGS 1, STUD 2, 7493, MANJUNATHA M N, 88250, CHAIN 1, 7494, MANJUNATHA M N, 14021, STUD 2, 7504, SHAMS TABREZ, 34000, CHAIN 1, FINGER RINGS 1, 7512, VARALAKSHMI, 116300, NECKLACE 1, 7519, SHANESANANJUNM, 46297, DROPS & STUD 2, 7521, KISHORE KUMAR BM, 9000, STUD 2, 7526, HARISH K N, 45000, CHAIN 1, FINGER RINGS 1, 7528, SRINATH N, 75000, CHAIN 1, 7531, PARVATHARAJU, 95000, NECKLACE 1, 12642070003223, RAYMA G R, 23570, FINGER RINGS 2, 6290, VENKATESH V, 15665, FINGER RINGS 2, 6306, NANDAKUMAR N, 28380, FINGER RINGS 1, 6577, NANDAKUMAR N, 54480, STUD 2, 7610, MUNIRAJ, 14496, FINGER RINGS 1, 6628, SOMACHARI G N, 108988, CHAIN 1, 6873, RANGININI PRAKASH, 82634, BROAD 2, 6995, MUNIRAJ, 24320, DROPS & STUD 2, 7015, HARIPRASAD, 16389, FINGER RINGS 1, 7016, DINESH GA, 40352, DROPS & STUD 2, FINGER RINGS 2, 7023, ANANDAKA, 12104, STUD 2, 7162, NANDAKUMAR N, 87708, BROAD BANGLES 2, 7290, MURALI V, 36950, DROPS & STUD 6, FINGER RINGS 1, 7296, VENKATACHALAS R, 11931, STUD 4, 7404, SHANKAR K, 14399, FINGER RINGS 2, 7811, MUBARAK PASHA, 32018, MATTI 1, 7815, SURESHKUMARM N, 19137, DROPS & STUD 6, 7840, MANOHARA N, 25212, CHAIN 1, 7841, K SRINIVAS, 6875, DROPS & STUD 2, 7851, PURSHOTHAMA G, 14349, STUD 2, 7861, MURALI M, 6517, FINGER RINGS 1, 7862, MURALI M, 12912, DROPS & STUD 6, 7880, SHIVAPPA R V, 11450, STUD 2, BANGALORE, BRIGADE ROAD PALM GROUND, 111880700018678, FLAVINAF, 80440, CHAIN 1, 8735, RAJAN, 44488, CHAIN 1, 8821, MARTIN M, 6489, FINGER RINGS 1, 8847, NARULLA SARIFF, 6340, FINGER RINGS 1, 8908, JAYAMARY, 9543, DROPS & STUD 2, 8909, JAYAMARY, 4377, FINGER RINGS 1, 8910, JAYAMARY, 5646, STUD 2, 8911, JAYAMARY, 9399, STUD 2, 8912, JAYAMARY, 155281, NECKLACE 1, 8913, JAYAMARY, 10697, FINGER RINGS 1, 9022, RUBAT, 9546, STUD 2, 9084, K SURESH, 26989, BANGLE 1, 9193, RAJAN, 6498, FINGER RINGS 1, 9376, SRINIVASSULU E, 63973, CHAIN 1, 9665, MOHAMMED SALEEM PASHA, 65000, CHAIN 1, FINGER RINGS 1, STUD 2, 9676, SYED WASEEM, 12063, CHAIN 1, 9677, MOHAMMED SALEEM PASHA, 87000, CHAIN 2, FINGER RINGS 3, 9688, MOHAMMED SALEEM PASHA, 90000, NECKLACE 1, 9690, MIR MUJEEB RAZA, 12000, DROPS & STUD 2, 9704, UMAR SHARIF, 164940, NECKLACE 1, 9710, MOHAMMED SALEEM PASHA, 108108, NECKLACE 1, 9710, MOHAMMED SALEEM PASHA, 9000, FINGER RINGS 1, 9722, CHARLES ANTHONY SAMUEL, 199999, CHAIN 1, FINGER RINGS 1, NECKLACE 1, 9723, NEHA, 161000, BRACELET 1, DROPS & STUD 2, FINGER RINGS 4, NECKLACE 1, 9733, GOPAL RAO P V, 18000, CHAIN 1, 9750, MARIAN SRIDHAR, 95220, BRACELET 1, DROPS & STUD 4, FINGER RINGS 1, 9754, STEPHEN RAJA, 23000, FINGER RINGS 1, 9754, SYED MOHAMMED ZAKIR, 11000, EAR RINGS 2, 111880730014061, RAJAN, 11800, DROPS & STUD 4, 4062, RAJAN, 6042, STUD 2, 5155, YOGESH, 47276, CHAIN 1, 5156, YOGESH, 15323, DROPS & STUD 2, 5157, YOGESH, 30899, FINGER RINGS 3, 5252, MAHESH R, 316893, BANGLE 3, CHAIN 1, 5630, GEORGE S, 69586, NECKLACE 1, 5737, PAVANKUMAR, 17685, FINGER RINGS 1, 5791, E RAVIKRAN, 1059105, BANGLE 2, BRACELET 1, CHAIN 7, DROPS 2, DROPS & STUD 14, FINGER RINGS 5, NECKLACE 2, 5869, SONY C, 13634, FINGER RINGS 5, STUD 2, 5870, SONY C, 7146, FINGER RINGS 1, 5871, SONY C, 15895, EAR RINGS 2, 5901, RAMESH K, 76207, CHAIN 1, DROPS 2, FINGER RINGS 2, 6115, RAJAN, 26514, CHAIN 1, 6234, K SURESH, 27666, BRACELET 1, 6411, VIJAY KUMAR K, 29994, DROPS & STUD 2, FINGER RINGS 1, 6532, K SURESH, 60012, DROPS & STUD 4, FINGER RINGS 2, NECKLACE 1, 6791, RAMESH K, 81976, CHAIN 1, NECKLACE 1, 7200, SANTHOSH K

Persons wishing to participate in the above auction shall comply with the following:- Interested Bidders should submit Rs. 10,000/- as EMD (refundable to unsuccessful bidders) by way of Cash on the same day of auction. Bidders should carry valid ID card/PAN card. For more details please contact 9349442902.

Authorized Officer _____

For Manappuram Finance Ltd

CIN-L65910KL1992PLC006623
IV/470A (old) W638A(New), Manappuram House,
Valapad, Thrissur, Kerala - 680 567.

 **ಮಲೆನಾಡು ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಮಾರಾಟದ ಸಹಕಾರ ಸಂಘ, ನಿಯಮಿತ, ಶಿವಮೊಗ್ಗ**
ಅಂಚೆ ಪೆಟ್ಟಿಗೆ ನಂ. 13, ಎ.ಪಿ.ಎಂ.ಸಿ. ಪ್ರಾಂಗಣ, ಸಾಗರ ರಸ್ತೆ, ಶಿವಮೊಗ್ಗ - 577204
ದೂರವಾರ್ತೆ : 08182250513, 250514, ಫ್ಯಾಕ್ಸ್ : 08182250513
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ಸುಳ್ಯ: ಶಿವಮೊಗ್ಗ
ದಿನಾಂಕ:02/12/2021

ಸುಂ-ರಾಜ್ಯಪರರಾದ ಆಲ್
ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥಾಪಕ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು (ಪ್ರಧಾನ)

केनरा बैंक  **Canara Bank**

Nelamangala Branch,
Roopa Theatre Complex, BH Road, Nelamangala-562123.
PHONE: 9348225015, 080-27725454,
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SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provision to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and/or Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Nelamangala Branch of Canara Bank, will be sold on the basis of “As is where is”, “As is what is”, and “Whatever there is” on 12.01.2022, for recovery of Rs. 40,63,033/- (Rupees Forty Lakhs Sixty Three Thousand Thirty Three Only) as on 02.12.2021 and interest & other charges there on from 01.12.2021 due to Nelamangala Branch of Canara Bank from 1) Borrower: Mr. Rajanna, Khaneshumari No. 18/3/37/2 & 18/4/37/3, Hanchipura Village, Nelamangala Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District. The Reserve price, Earnest Money Deposits, Auction date, last date of submission of Bid details are as under. The Earnest Money shall be deposited by way of DD favouring Authorised Officer, Canara Bank, Nelamangala Branch, Bangalore OR through online (RTGS/NEFT/Fund Transfer – IFSC CODE CNRB0000445) to the credit of the account number, Canara Bank, Regional Office West, Bangalore on or before 10.01.2022.

Description of the immovable Assets	Outstanding Dues as on 02-12-2021	Reserve Price	EMD Amount	Incremental value at Bid
All that piece and parcel of the property Khaneshumari Plot no. 18/3/37/2 & Plot No. 18/4/37/3, Hanchipura Village, Nelamangala Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District Measuring East to West 45 feet and North to South 45 feet, total extent of plot 2025 sq feet. (45 X 36 feet) and (45 X 09 feet). Boundaries of the Plot No.(18/3/37/2), East by : Owners Property, West by : Road, North by : Road, South by : Narashima Murthy Property. Boundaries of the Plot No.(18/4/37/3), East by : Munegowda Property, West by : Rajanna property, North by : Rajanna property, South by : Chikkathimiah property	Rs.40,63,033/- (Rupees Forty Lakhs Sixty Three Thousand Thirty Three Only)	Reserve Price: Rs. 1,04,00,000/-	EMD Amount: Rs. 10,40,000/-	BID Increase Amount: Rs.25000/-

known encumbrances/Court litigation, if any: Not to the knowledge of the Bank.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link “E-Auction” provided in Canara Bank’s website (www.canarabank.com) or may contact Assistant General Manager (AGM), Nelamangala Branch, Canara Bank, Ph. 9348225015, 080-27725454, No./during office hours on any working day.

Details of Auction service provider: M/s Antares Systems Ltd, Bangalore (Contact No.9686196756/ 9686196755/080-40482000), E-mail:manohar.s@antaresystems.com)

Date : 03.12.2021
Place: Bengaluru

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Canara Bank

 **Indian Overseas Bank**

S C Gardens Branch, St. Johns Road, Near Chinmaya Vidyalaya School, Bangalore - 560042 Ph: 080-22950175/176, Email: iob0665@iob.in

DEMAND NOTICE TO BORROWERS / MORTGAGORS / GUARANTORS UNDER SUB-SECTION (2) OF SECTION 13 OF THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002

To,

- 1) **Mr. A L Prakash (Borrower)**, S/o. A K Lakshman, #208, 7th A Main, 1st Block, HRBR Layout, Kalyanagar, Bangalore-560043.
- 2) **Mrs. L Parvathi, W/o. A K Lakshman (GPA Holder)**, GPA Holder of Mr. A L Prakash, #208, 7th A Main, 1st Block, HRBR Layout, Kalyanagar, Bangalore-560043.
- 3) **Mr. Srivathsan Prakash, S/o. A L Prakash (Borrower)**, #208, 7th A Main, 1st Block, HRBR Layout, Kalyanagar, Bangalore-560043.
- 4) **Mrs. Kavitha Prakash (Guarantor)**, W/o. A L Prakash, #208, 7th A Main, 1st Block, HRBR Layout, Kalyanagar, Bangalore-560043.

Dear Sir / Madam,

Re.: Your Credit Facilities with Indian Overseas Bank, Sivan Chetty Gardens Branch

1) You, the above named borrowers of our Bank have availed the following credit facilities from our Sivan Chetty Gardens Branch:

The details of the credit facilities with outstanding dues are as under:

Sl. No.	Nature of Facility	Limit	Rates of Interest	Total dues * as on 02.08.2021 (Date of Issuance of Demand Notice) in Rs.
1	Housing Loan (066503351000007)	20,80,590/-	7.45% P.A.	7,91,714/-
2	Pushpaka Loan (06650342000006)	9,00,000/-	8.15% P.A.	5,02,141/-
3	TL-Home improvement Scheme 066503469000002	10,00,000/-	7.80% P.A.	10,57,074/-
4	Sahayika Loan 066503451000003	10,00,000/-	11.20% P.A.	9,00,313/-
5	Education Loan 066503481000004	25,00,000/-	10.65% P.A.	32,16,481/-
Total				64,67,723/-

*With further interest at contractual rates/rests will become payable from the date mentioned above till date of payment.

The above named guarantors referred under S.No 4, have executed **guarantee dated 14.08.2018** and thereby guaranteed payment on demand of all moneys and discharge all obligations and liabilities then or at any time thereafter owing or accrued to Indian Overseas Bank by the borrowers for the aggregate credit limits together with agreed interest, charges etc. The credit facilities were secured by the assets mentioned below by way of hypothecation.

The guarantors mentioned under S.No. 4 of you have given personal guarantee for the Education Loan.

You have acknowledged from time to time the liabilities under the below transactions through various documents executed by you.

2) The details of securities in favor of the Bank for the aforesaid credit facilities are:

Nature of Security	Particulars of Securities
House Property	All the piece and parcel of the house property bearing Site No. 7 AM-208, Block-1, Hennur Road, Banasawadi Road Extn., B'lore measuring East to West 18.40 mtrs & North to South 12.20 mtrs in over all measuring 2400 Sq.ft. belonging to Sri. A L Prakash, S/o. A.K. Lakshman. Boundaries: East by: Site No.7AM – 207, West by: 7th A Main Road, North by: Site No.7AM – 210, South by: Site No.7AM - 206.
Vehicle	Maruti Eriga vxi vehicle No. KA-0-3-MZ-4792

3) Consequent upon defaults committed by the above named borrowers in payment of the principal debt/interest as per agreed terms, your loan account has been classified as **Non-Performing Asset on 30.09.2020** as per Reserve Bank of India guidelines and directives. Despite our reminders for regularization of our account, you have not repaid the overdue loans including interest thereon.

4) Since you the above named borrowers referred under S.No. 1, 2 and 3 are failed to meet the liabilities in respect of the credit facilities duly secured by various securities mentioned above and upon classification of your account as Non-Performing Asset, we hereby recall our advances to S No 1, 2 and 3 of you and give you notice under Sub-Section (2) of Section 13 of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and call upon you to pay in full and discharge your liabilities to the Bank aggregating to **Rs 64,67,723/- (Rupees Sixty Four Lacs Sixty Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty Three Only) and loan interest as detailed in Para 1 above and 2% overdue interest at monthly rests as agreed**, from the date mentioned above, within 60 days from the date of receipt of this notice. Please be advised that the guarantor's liability is co-extensive with the liability of the borrowers.

5) The above named guarantor S. No. 4 have given undertaking for repayment/guarantee for the credit facilities taken by the borrowers and have also given the properties herein mentioned to secure the above said credit facilities. Since the borrowers have committed defaults in repayment, the mortgagors/guarantors have become liable to pay to us in terms of the guarantee, the amounts due to the Bank as per the loan/credit facilities aggregating to **Rs. 32,16,481/- (Thirty Two Lakhs Sixteen Thousand Four Hundred Eighty One Only) as detailed in para 1 above, with further interest @ 10.65% and 2% overdue interest at monthly rests as agreed** and we hereby invoke of you and call upon you to pay the said amount within sixty days from the date of receipt of this notice. Please be advised that the guarantor's liability is co-extensive with the liability of the borrowers.

6) We further give notice to Mr. A L Prakash, Mr. Srivathsan Prakash (the name of the borrower/s) and Mrs. L Parvathi (GPA Holder for Mr. A L Prakash) that failing payment of the above amount with interest and charges etc till the date of payment, we shall be exercising all or any of the rights vested on us, under Sub-Section (4) of Section 13 of the said act.

7) Please note that in law the borrowers and guarantors are jointly and severally liable to pay the dues with further interest and charges etc.

8) Please note that interest will continue to accrue at the rates and rests as agreed for each credit facility until full repayment.

9) Your attention is also invited to Sub-Section (13) of Section 13 of the said Act in terms of which you are restrained from transferring/alienating/shifting any of the secured assets referred to above by way of sale, lease or otherwise, without obtaining our prior written consent. Please also note that non-compliance/contravention of the provisions contained in the said Act or Rules made thereunder, is an offence which is punishable with imprisonment and/or fine as provided under Section 29 of the Act.

10) The guarantors referred under S.No 4 have given personal guarantee to secure the loans of the said borrowers and as such we advise you to prevail upon the borrowers and as such we advise you to prevail upon the borrowers to repay the dues as per our demand since we have the right to separately recall the advance from you, initiate action against you simultaneously in accordance with law, for recovery of our dues based on your personal guarantee.

11) We also put all of you on notice that if the account is not regularized/repaid within the stipulated time and in case of the Bank classifying you as a willful defaulter as per RBI Guidelines, the Bank reserves its rights to publish your photographs in Newspaper(s) with your name, address, details of default, dues etc., in accordance with RBI Guidelines besides initiating all recourses available to the Bank for recovery.

12) We also advise you that this Demand Notice is without prejudice to and shall not be construed as waiver of any other rights or remedies which we have for recovery of the above said dues as well as our right to make further demands in respect of the sums due and payable by you.

13) Further, attention is invited to provisions of Sub-Section (8) of the Section 13 of the Act, in respect of the time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Yours Faithfully,
For Indian Overseas Bank
Sd/-, Authorised Officer

Date : 03.08.2021
Place : Bangalore

Note: Advertisement matter published in English will prevail in case of any discrepancy.

 **THE HUTTI GOLD MINES COMPANY LIMITED**

(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)

Hutti-584115, Raichur Dist, Karnataka State, Tele: (08537)275463, 276339, 275740
e-Mail: material276339@gmail.com Website: www.huttigold.co.in

TENDER NOTIFICATION No. 48/21-22 Dt: 04.12.2021 (Through e-Procurement Portal only)

Tenders are invited by "The I/c Dy. General Manager (Materials)" for the procurement of following goods from reputed manufacturers/authorized dealers, as detailed below.

Sl. No.	Description	Qty.	Approx. Value (Rs. in lakhs)
1	Supply of Men formal Shoes for Officers & Staff HGML/2021-22/IND3209	As per list	6.95
2	Supply and Installation of Hydrogen peroxide Tank HGML/2020-21/CT/WORK_IND270/Call-4	---	25.96
3	Project Management consultancy and Third party consultancy Service For inspections and monitoring quality at work site in respect of construction of Bituminous road. HGML/Service/151/2021-22	---	7.68

(1) Last date for receipt of tender: 17.12.2021 at 4.00 PM. (2) Opening of Technical Bid on: 21.12.2021 at 10.00 AM. Tender shall be submitted through e-procurement portal only & tender processing fees as per e-portal norms. Please visit website: <https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in> for submitting the bid. Any further details can be obtained from the undersigned during office hours.

Sd/- I/c Dy.General Manager (Materials)

“LEADING GOLD PRODUCER IN INDIA”

Public Notice For E-Auction For Sale Of Immovable Properties

Sale of Immovable property mortgaged to IFIL Home Finance Limited (Formerly known as India Infiniti Housing Finance Ltd.) (IFIL-HFL) Corporate Office at Plot No.98, Udyog Vihar, Phase-IV/Gurgaon-122015 (Haryana) and Branch Office at: "ADAM CHAMBERS", #11, Richmond Road, Bengaluru - 560025. Under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (hereinafter "Act"), Whereas the Authorized Officer ("AO") of IFIL-HFL has taken the possession of the following properties pursuant to the notice issued U/S 13(2) of the Act in the following loan accounts/prospect nos. with a right to sell the same on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS & AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" for realization of IFIL-HFL's dues. The Sale will be done by the undersigned through e-auction platform provided at the website: www.bankauctions.com.

Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s)	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Description of the Immovable property/ Secured Asset	Date of Symbolic Possession		Reserve Price
			14-Feb-2020	As On Date 01-Dec-2021	
1. Mr. Bharatha Kumara 2. Mr. Vijay B 3. Mrs. Shyaga V 4. Pristine Enterprises (Prospect No. 791996)	10-Dec-2019 Rs. 52,18,809/- (Rupees Fifty Two Lakh Eighteen Thousand Eight Hundred and Nine Only) Bid Increase Amount Rs. 30,000/- (Rupees Thirty Thousand Only)	All that part and parcel of the property being Flat No. 304, measuring 1182 Sq. Ft., along with 322 Sq. Ft., undivided share in property together with one covered car Parking in the 5th Floor, Second Floor, Maruthi Enclave, Site No. 5,6,13 and 14, Malahalli Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bengaluru, Karnataka -560056	Total Outstanding As On Date 01-Dec-2021 Rs. 61,06,808/- (Rupees Sixty One Lakh Six Thousand Eight Hundred and Eight Only)	Rs. 42,00,000/- (Rupees Forty Two Lakh Only)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Rs. 4,20,000/- (Rupees Four Lakh Twenty Thousand Only)
Date of Inspection of property		EMD Last Date	Date/ Time of E-Auction		
10-Jan-2022 1100 hrs -1400 hrs		12-Jan-2022 till 5 pm.	17-Jan-2022 1100 hrs-1300 hrs.		

Mode Of Payment - All payment shall be made by demand draft in favour of "IFIL Home Finance Limited" payable at Gurugram or through RTGS/NEFT. The accounts details are as follows: a) Name of the account- IFIL Home Finance Ltd., b) Name of the Bank- Standard Chartered Bank Ltd., c) Account No:-53105066294, d) IFSC Code:-SCBL00306025 or through Payment Link: <https://quickpay.ifilfinance.com>.

Terms and Conditions-

1. For participating in e-auction, intending bidders required to register their details with the Service Provider <https://www.bankauctions.com>, well in advance and has to create the login account, login ID and password. Intending bidders have to submit / send their "Tender FORM" along with the payment details towards EMD, copy of the KYC and PAN card at the above mentioned Branch Office.
2. The bidders shall improve their offer in multiple of amount mentioned under the column "Bid Increase Amount". In case bid is placed in the last 5 minutes of the closing time of the auction, the closing time will automatically get extended for 5 minutes.
3. The successful bidder should deposit 25% of the bid amount (after adjusting EMD) within 24 hours of the acceptance of bid price by the AO and the balance 75% of the bid amount within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale by the secured creditor. All deposit and payment shall be in the prescribed mode of payment.
4. The purchaser has to bear the cess, applicable stamp duty, fees, and any other statutory dues or other dues like municipal tax, electricity charges, land and all other incidental costs, charges including all taxes and rates outgoings relating to the property.
5. Bidders are advised to go through the website <https://www.bankauctions.com> and <https://www.ifil.com/home-loans/properties-for-auction> for detailed terms and conditions of auction sale & auction application form before submitting their Bids for taking part in the e-auction sale proceedings.
6. For details, help procedure and online training on e-auction prospective bidders may contact the service provider E mail: support@bankauctions.com, Support Helpline Numbers: 07291981124/25/26 and any property related query **Mr. Shaik Shauwal** at 99026269101, Email ID: shaik.shauwal@ifil.com.
7. Notice is hereby given to above said borrowers to collect the household articles, which were lying in the secured asset at the time of taking physical possession within 7 days, otherwise IFIL-HFL shall not be responsible for any loss of property under the circumstances.
8. Further the notice is hereby given to the Borrower/s, that in case they fail to collect the above said articles same shall be sold in accordance with Law.
9. In case of default in payment at any stage by the successful bidder / auction purchaser within the above stipulated time, the sale will be cancelled and the amount already paid will be forfeited (including EMD) and the property will be again put to sale.
10. AO reserves the rights to postpone/cancel or vary the terms and condition of tender/auction without assigning any reason thereof. In case of any dispute in tender/auction, the decision of AO of IFIL-HFL will be final.

STATUTORY 30 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER RULE 8 (6) OF THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002

The Borrower are hereby notified to pay the sum as mentioned above along with upto dated interest and ancillary expenses before the date of Tender/Auction, failing which the property will be auctioned/sold and balance dues if any will be recovered with interest and cost.

Place : Bangalore Date : 04-Dec-2021 Sd/-Authorized Officer, IFIL Home Finance Limited

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IN THE COURT OF THE HON'BLE
1ST ADDL. FAMILY COURT JUDGE
AT BENGALURU

M.C. No. 5596 / 2019

BETWEEN : MR. JAYARAMA CHANDRASEKHAR RAGHAVENDRA REDDY, S/o J Jayachandrasekhara Reddy, Aged about 37 years, At: 46, Scheikstrasse, Heidelberg 69126, Germany ...PETITIONER

AND:
MS. RASHMI YELLAPPA REDDY ...RESPONDENT

NOTICE / SUMMONS TO THE RESPONDENT

Ms. Rashmi Yellappa Reddy, W/o. J.C. Raghavendra Reddy, Aged about 34 years, Residing at No. 302, Maruthalli Extension, Opposite MIGA Hospital, Marathalli, Bengaluru - 560037.

Whereas the above named Petitioner has filed a petition against you under Section 13(1)(a)(b) of the Hindu Marriage Act, 1955 seeking dissolution of marriage by a decree of divorce.

You are hereby summoned to appear before this court on 5th January 2022 at 11.00 am in person or through advocate/pleader to answer the questions to the same, failing which the case will be heard and determined by placing you as ex-parte.

Given under my hand and seal of the court, this 20th day of November 2021.

By order of court, Sheirsteradar, Family Court, Bengaluru.
BHAT & RAO, Advocates
No. 307, 3rd Floor, Richmond Towers,
No.12, Richmond Town, Bengaluru-560025.
E: arjun@arjunrao.in

PUBLIC NOTICE

General Public are hereby notified that Smt. J. Jyothi Jayasimha W/o Jayasimha Gundachar is the sole and absolute owner in possession and enjoyment of the immovable house property constructed in Plot bearing No. 9 (New No. 8), house list Khatha No. 50710/3/9, formed out of converted Sy.No. 10/3 vide conversion order No.B.DIS.ALN(SR/S) 247/1996-97 dated 21.12.1999 issued by Deputy Commissioner Bangalore District, situated at Pillanahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, measuring East - West 40 ft., North - South 66 ft., totally measuring 2640 Sq.Ft. having ground floor RCC construction which is mortgaged described in the schedule hereunder & hereinafter referred as Schedule Property, wherein, my clients Smt. N. Divya & Sri. Harsha, residing at No. 14, 1st Cross, Pavamana Nagar, Kembehalli Road, Gattigeri, Bannerghatta Main Road, Bengaluru - 560 083, are interested & are intending to purchase the said above property.

Any Person/s, Society/s, Association/s, Government Authorities, Company/s, Firm/s, Financial Institutions, Banks, Judicial authorities etc. asserting any sort of rights, title, claims, interest whatsoever in the schedule property or any part thereof in any manner or having any claim/s against the schedule property shall file their objections in writing or contact me within 15 days from the date of the issuance of this Public Notice, with all documentary proof on which they are basing and asserting their rights with regard to the schedule property or any part thereof. After the prescribed period of 15 days, if there are no objections from the general public, my clients shall proceed on the basis that there are no claims of whatsoever nature with regard to the schedule property from any one.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the house property of about 2000 square feet RCC construction, constructed in Plot bearing No. 9 (New No. 8), house list Khatha No. 50710/3/9, formed out of converted Sy.No. 10/3 vide conversion order No.B.DIS.ALN(SR/S) 247/1996-97 dated 21.12.1999 issued by Deputy Commissioner Bangalore District, situated at Pillanahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, measuring East - West 40 ft., North - South 66 ft., totally measuring 2640 Sq. Ft. bounded on:

By East: Plot No. 8 (New No. 7), By West: Plot No. 10 (New No. 9), By North: Road, By South: Plot No. 4 & 5, (New No. 3 & 4).

MANOHAR B.K., Advocate
Krishna Manohar Associates, Advocates, No. 64, 11th Cross, Behind Canara Bank, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru - 560 003.

ESTD: 1907

 **THE BANGALORE CITY CO-OPERATIVE BANK LIMITED**

Administrative Office: # 3, PAMPAMAHAKAVI ROAD, CHAMARAJAPET, BANGALORE -18. Ph. : 26678572 : 26600512 : 26609066.

SALE NOTICE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES THROUGH E-AUCTION

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 read with provision to rule 8(6) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to Borrower that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the secured Creditor, the symbolically/constructive/ Possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer (details mentioned below), will be sold on "As is Where is", "As is What is" and "Whatever there is" basis on 05.01.2022 at the below mentioned timings for recovery of dues with further interest and cost thereon due to The Bangalore City Co Operative Bank Ltd. Administrative office.

The Details are as under : Reserve price and Earnest money deposits details are as under & the Earnest money deposit shall be deposited on or before 04.01.2022 At 5 : 00 PM, through online payments Like RTGS/NEFT to the account No. details of which are given below or by way of DD in favouring The Bangalore City Co Operative Bank Ltd, Administrative office.

Sl No	Name of the Borrower, address & Branch Name	Description of property & Boundaries & Measurement	Reserve Price	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Amount of Secured debt from Date	Date & time of Auction
1.	Sri. Govardhan. B.N No.105/2, 1st Cross Road, Krishnappa Garden, Near Lakshmi & Balaji Theatre Thavarekere, Bengaluru-29. Branch : koramangala	1 st Schedule : No.15, BBMP Khatha No.16/16/15/15, Bilekalahalli, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, BBMP Ward No. 188 of Bilekalahalli, Bengaluru. East to West : 35 feet & North to South : 40 feet. East by : Muniyellappa & Vacant Land, West by : Remaining portion of property thereafter house of Thammaiah, North by : Road, South by : Temple of Yellamma (Vacant land)	Rs. 1,36,00,000/- Rs. (One Crore Thirty Six Lakhs Only)	Rs. 13,60,000/- Rs. (Thirteen Lakhs Sixty Thousand Only)	Rs. 1,46,75,870/- & 30.11.2021	05.01.2022 10 : 00 AM To 11 : 00 AM
		2 nd schedule : No.15, BBMP Khatha No.16/16/15/15, Bilekalahalli, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, BBMP Ward No.188 of Bilekalahalli, Bengaluru. East to West : 11.5 feet & North to South : 26 feet. East by : House of Muniyellappa & Vacant land West by : Remaining portions (Vacant land) North by : Road, South by : House of Thammaiah				
2.	Sri. Shanmugam. R No.20, 10 th Cross, Pipe Line Road, Cholorpalya, Magadi Road, Bengaluru-23. Branch : T. DASARAHALLI.	New No. 20, Old property No. 40, site No.02, 10 th Cross, pipe line road, cholorpalya Magadi road, Bengaluru-23, (previously 4th A Cross, Hosahalli Grama) Presently coming under the jurisdiction of BBMP Ward No. 33 of Vijayanagar, With PID No. 33-65-20, Bengaluru. East to West : Northern Side : 38 feet, Southern Side : 43 feet & North to South : 30 feet, East by : 20 feet Road West by : Property belonging to Muni Reddy, North by : Property bearing No.03 South by : Property bearing No. 01	Rs. 1,13,90,000/- Rs. (One Crore Thirteen Lakhs Ninety Thousand Only)	Rs. 11,39,000/- Rs. (Eleven Lakhs Thirty Nine Thousand Only)	Rs. 1,74,01,574/- & 30.11.2021	05.01.2022 11 : 00 AM To 12 : 00 PM
3.	Sri. Hanumegowda & Sri. H. Manjunath No.708, Behind Police Station Bedadi Hobli, Ramanagar District. Branch : RAMANAGAR TOWN.	Old Khaneshumari Khatha No. 3271, New Khatha No. 3271/B, & 3271/B/1, Behind Anjaneya Swamy Temple, Gandhinagar Extension, Ramanagara Town, Ramanagara District. East to West: 140 Feet & North to South: 40 feet. East by : Road, West by : Property belongs to Smt. Dora Kumar, North by : Road, South by : Property belongs to Sri. Chennegowda	Rs. 3,70,60,000/- Rs. (Three Crore Seventy Lakhs Sixty Thousand Only)	Rs. 37,06,000/- Rs. (Thirty Seven Lakhs Six Thousand Only)	Rs. 3,56,64,501/- & 30.11.2021	05.01.2022 12 : 00 PM To 01 : 00 PM
4.	Sri. Venkatchalaiah T (Deceased) Legal Representatives : 1) Savithramma (Wife) 2) Vishwanatha V (Son) 3) Bhaskar V (Son), 4) Pushpavathi (Daughter) 5) Jalaja (Daughter) 6) Nagalakshmi (Daughter) 7) Manjula V (Daughter) No.17/6, 18 th Cross, Bhuvaneshwari Nagar, K.P. Agrahara, Bengaluru-23. Branch : HEAD OFFICE	No.17/6, 18th Cross Road, Bhuvaneshwari Nagar, Bengaluru. East to West : 16 feet & North to South : 60 feet East by : Gangappa's House West by : Narayanamma's Site North by : Water Drainage South by : 20 feet Road	Rs. 1,01,40,000/- Rs. (One Crore one Lakhs Forty Thousand Only)	Rs. 10,14,000/- Rs. (Ten Lakhs Fourteen Thousand Only)	Rs. 92,86,920/- & 30.11.2021	05.01.2022 02 : 00 PM To 03 : 00 PM

Last date of deposit of EMD: 04.01.2022 Before 5:00 PM

Date & time of inspection: 30.12.2021, 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Bid Factors: Rs. 50,000/-

(The borrower/mortgagor attention is invited to the provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured asset).

This Notice shall also serve as Notice under Sub Rule (6) of Rule (8) of Security Interest Enforcement Rules-2002 to the Borrower. For detailed terms and conditions of sale, please refer to link in The Bangalore City Co Operative Bank Ltd. Website ie. www.bccbl.co.in under the head "Mortgaged Assets for Sale". The E-auction will be conducted through portal <https://bankauctions.in>, on 05.01.2022 from 10.00 AM to 03.00 PM with unlimited extension of 05 minutes. The intending bidder is required to register their name at <https://bankauctions.in/> and get the user ID and password free of cost and get training i.e. online training on E-auction (tentatively on 04.01.2022) from M/s 4 Closure, Mr. prakash Reddy(Asst. Manager), No.22, 5th Cross, Gurumahal Extension, Opp. Indian Hotel, K.G. Halli, Jalalahalli (West), Bengaluru-560010 Mobile No: 9515160061/9515160062, E-mail: prakash@bankauctions.in. For More details contact bccbrc2021@gmail.com Mobile Number : 080-26600512, 26609066 & 266781425.

Date: 03.12.2021
Place: Bengaluru

Sd/- AUTHORISED OFFICER
THE BANGALORE CITY CO-OPERATIVE BANK LIMITED

 **STATE BANK OF INDIA**

Asset Recovery Management Branch (40564) 2nd Floor, A Block, B.K.G. Complex, Mysore Bank Circle, Avenue Road, Bengaluru-560009
Ph: 080-25943765, 25943769, 9448990277 E-mail: sbi.40564@sbi.co.in

POSSESSION NOTICE

Under Rule 8(1) of the security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (For Immovable Property)

WHEREAS, The undersigned has the authorised officer of the State Bank of India, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notices calling upon the following borrowers/mortgagors/guarantors to repay their loan amount mentioned in their demand notices with further interest + incidental expenses within 60 days from the date of the said notices. The details of the loan accounts of borrowers/mortgagors/guarantors such as name and address of the borrowers/mortgagors/guarantors, date of issue of demand notice, possession taken date, description of secured assets including present loan outstanding etc., are furnished hereunder against the name of each borrowers/mortgagors/guarantors:

A/c. No. 62095105536

1. Name of the Borrower : 1) Shri S Tarachand S/o G.Swamy Naik, and 2) Smt. L S Vimala Devi W/o S. Tarachand both are residing at addresses 1386/1, 7th Main A Block, Sahakar nagar, Near Vivekanand School, Bengaluru – 560092 and also at Flat No.105, 1st Floor, Jaypee Hill Top Apartment, Bohra Layout, Gottigeri Village, Bannerghatta Road, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru 560083.

Demand Notice date: 14.11.2018 Possession Notice Date: 01.12.2021

Bank Dues: Rs 41,43,790/- (Rupees Forty One Lakhs Forty three Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety only) as on 26.11.2021 and further interest from 27.11.2021 and charges thereon till the realization of the dues.

Description of Immoveable Property: All that piece and parcel of the residential Flat bearing No. 105, 1st Floor, "Jay Pee Hill Top" having 1040 sq feet, super built up area of the residential apartment, standing in the joint names Shri. S. Tarachand S/o Late G. Swamy Naik and Smt. S. Vimala Devi W/o. S. Tarachand, together with proportionate share of common area along with one covered car parking and common areas such as open space, in the land corridors, pavements, staircase as open space in land corridors, paeomount staircase, garden area pump house open space at cellar portion water storage overhead tank and sump electric room watchman's room right of way and other space enjoyed by all the building owners commonly with each other being the subject of proportionate undivided ownership among the other owners of the Apartment.

All undivided right, title and interest of 272 sq feet in the properties bearing Khatha No.997 & 998, House List No.81 & 82, Village Panchayath Assessment Reg.No.3451 & 3452, measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South 60 feet, Plot No. 107, Khata No. 1023, House List No.107, Assessment Reg.No.3477, measuring East to West 60 feet and North to South 35 feet and Plot No.6, Khata No. 1022, House List No. 106 Asst No.3476, measuring East to West 60 feet and North to South 35 feet, respectively admeasuring 6600 sq feet out of the property bearing Sy. No. 82 & 83, converted for residential property as per official memorandum vide B/D/ALN/SR/S57/1991-92 dated 01.10.1991 by Deputy Commissioner ,

The Nehrunagar Co-operative Bank Limited

#587, 2nd 'A' Main 11th Block, 2nd Stage Nagarbhavi, Near Papireddypalya Circle, Bengaluru - 560 072 Ph : 23182333 / 23212333 E-mail : nehrngr@rediffmail.com

POSSESSION NOTICE - IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

The under signed being the Authorised officer of The Nehrunagar Co-operative Bank Limited, No.587, 2nd 'A' Main 11th Block, 2nd Stage, Nagarbhavi, Near Papireddypalya Circle, Bengaluru-560 072, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets an Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(2) read with rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002 issued a demand notice dated 18/08/2021 calling upon to repay the loan amount of Rs.18,22,081/- (Rupees Eighteen Lakhs Twenty Two Thousand Eighty One only) as on 18/08/2021 within 60 days from the date of receipt of the notice. The borrowers having failed to repay the entire loan amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public general that the under signed has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred, on them under section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 9 of the said rules on this 6th November 2020. The borrowers in particular and the public in general here by cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of The Nehrunagar Co-operative Bank Limited.

Borrowers : Baran Bas .R S/o. Raju D.R. & Revathi .K W/o. Baran Bas .R Total Amount Due Rs.19,10,661/- (Rupees Nineteen Lakhs Ten Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Six only)

Description of property : All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Municipal No. 21, Old No.21-21/1, New PID No. 26-48-21 (Earlier old No.59), situated at 3rd Cross Road, Okallipura, Bengaluru - 21. Measuring : East-West 17.60ft. North-South 34ft. East by : Private property West by : Western portion of property No.21-21/1 North by : Common passage and property belongs to Venkatesh South by : Private property

Place : Bengaluru
Date : 02-12-2021

Sd/-
For The Nehrunagar Co-operative Bank Limited
Authorized Officer

KMF Karnataka Cooperative Milk Producers' Federation Limited

KMF COMPLEX : DR MH MARIGOWDA ROAD : BANGALORE - 560029
Phone: 080-26096832/910/877 Fax: 080-25536105 E-mail: purchase@kmf.coop

IFT:NO. KMF/PUR/NMP/e-Proc./Tender-363/2021 Date: 01.12.2021

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

The Karnataka Milk Federation, invites Tenders from eligible Tenderers for supply of following Raw Materials as stipulated below.

Sl. No	Particulars	Indent no
1	Supply of Various Raw Materials to Nandini Milk Products.,B'lore On Quarterly basis	KMF/2021-22/IND9586

Tender documents may download from e-procurement portal website https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in and also contact Help line No: 080-23010900 / 23010901 Further details may be obtained from kmf website www.kmfndini.coop

Date of Commencement of Tender	02-12-2021
Pre-Bid Meeting	06.12.2021 at 11.00 hrs
Last date for submission	on or before 09-12-2021 at 17.00 Hours
Date of opening of Technical Tender	on 13-12-2021 at 11.00 Hours
Date of opening of Commercial bid	Will be intimated later

For KARNATAKA MILK FEDERATION LTD,
Sd/-
DIRECTOR (PURCHASE).

SOUTHERN RAILWAY

e-TENDER NOTICE FOR THE SUPPLY OF STORES
TENDER NO 90216419A
Login to http://www.reps.gov.in-login
E. Tender goods & services (new) and quote against these tenders. Manual quotations will not be entertained for this tender.
SI. No:-1 Tender No. 90216419A
Description: Main Transformer for 3-Phase EMU / MEMU
Due On: 16-12-2021

Principal Chief Materials Manager
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GENERAL NOTICE

FEDBANK FINANCIAL SERVICES

LIMITED Gold Loan - Bommanahalli
Branch hereby informs to its esteemed customer(s) that the Company is shifting its present office for better service and operations. Company's Present office address ie Fedbank Financial Services Ltd, Door No 23/2, First Floor, Begur Main Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore - 560068. Company will be operational from its present office till Dated 2nd Feb 2022. Company's new office address is Fedbank Financial Services Ltd, #112/1, Srinivasa Complex, Ground Floor, Mangamma Palya Main Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore 560068.

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(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
Office of the Executive Engineer, KBJNL,
ALBC Division,Almatti-586201.

Tq:B.Bagewadi Dt: Vijayapur. Phone:08426-281044,
No:KBJNL/ALBC-DN/DM/QuTN/ALBC Hw/EOT Crane/
2021-22/1829 Date: 23.11.2021

INFORMATION QUOTATION NOTIFICATION

On behalf of the Managing Director, KBJNL, Bangalore, the Executive Engineer KBJNL, ALBC Division Almatti the under undersigned invites sealed quotations for competitive rates from reputed firm/Authorized agencies for "Providing of quotation rates for Servicing, Overhauling and replacing the damage spare parts of 50/5 ton capacity of EOT Crane at ALBC head Almatti Dam site".The details and any further information can be had with the under signed office during office hours and can be obtained through e-mail, duly placing your request to ee09albc@gmail.com and Cell No: 9620378686 on or before 08-12-2021. Last date to receive Information quotation is on or before 10-12-2021 at 5.00pm. The sealed quotation will be opened on 13-12-2021 at 11.00 Am in the under signed office.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,KBJNL, ALBC Division, Almatti
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SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

Branch Office: ICICI Bank Ltd. 4/10, Mythree Tower, Bommanahalli Hosur Main Road Bangalore- 560068

Whereas
The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of ICICI Bank Limited under the Securitization, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002, issued demand notices upon the borrowers mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.
As the borrower failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of ICICI Bank Limited.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.)	Name of Branch
1.	Ashoka Chinaswamy Raju/ Veena Ashoka Raju/ LBBNG00005158695	Schedule 'A' Property (Description of The Entire Property) All That Piece And Parcel of Property Bearing Composite Municipal No.22 (Earlier Bearing Portion of Old No.3, Then 23, Municipal Nos.5,6&7, Bbpm Katha No.22, Pid No.50-33-22, Situated At New High School Road, V V Puram, in Bbpm Ward No.50 (VV Puram), Bangalore, Admeasuring: East To West: 122 Feet North to South: 75 Feet in All Measuring 9150 Sq.ft., With All Rights, Privileges and Appurtenances Thereto And Bounded As Follows: On The East By: Jain Temple Cross Road, West By: New High School Road, North By: Private Property South By: Private Property. Schedule 'B' Property All That Piece And Parcel of Residential Apartment Bearing Nos.003 & 004 on The Ground Floor of The Multi-Storeyed Building Known as "Sankeshwar Crystal", Constructed and Erected on Property Bearing Composite Municipal No.22 (Earlier Bearing Portion of Old No.3, Then 23, Municipal Nos.5, 6 & 7), Bbpm Katha No.22, Pid No.50-33-22, Situated At New School Road, Vv Puram, in Bbpm Ward No.50 (vv Puram), Bangalore With Details And Other Attributes Mentioned Hereunder: Undivided Share In : 600 Sq.ft., in The Aschedule 'A' Property Land Super Built-up area: 1200 Sq. Ft., Including Proportionate Share of Common Area With The Floors, Balcony, Ceiling And Walls Between Apartments Jointly Belonging To Such Apartment Owners Equally With Carpet Area Measuring 3360 Sq.ft., Garden Area: 600 Sq. Ft., Car Parking: Four Car Parking Spaces/ Date of Symbolic Possession-01.12.2021	04.08.2021 Rs. 4,19,68,934/-	Bangalore

The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/ guarantors(s) are hereby given a 30 day notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold on the expiry of 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice, as per the provisions under the Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.
Date : December 04, 2021
Place: Bangalore

Authorized Officer
ICICI Bank Limited

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PUBLIC NOTICE

CHANGE OF NAME

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **M.KIRANA**, S/o Sri Muniyappa, R/o No.45, Muniyappa Building, Channarayana Kanapalya, Nagasandra post, Bangalore - 560073, have changed my name as **M.KIRAN**, vide affidavit dated 02.12.2021 sworn before notary N.Mahesha, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SOWMYA B.K.**, aged about 36 years, W/o, Vijay Krishna Gopal, Residing at No.002, A Block, Skanda Enclave, 1st A Main Road, Rajiv Nagar, Padmanabha Nagar, Banashankari 3rd Stage, Bangalore - 560085, declare that I have changed the name of my Minor Daughter from **SUKRUTHI V** (Old Name) to **SUKRUTHI VIJAY KRISHNA** (New Name), henceforth my Daughter shall be known and called as **SUKRUTHI VIJAY KRISHNA** (New Name) only for all purpose, vide Affidavit dated: 02/12/2021 before Notary **ARAVIND PATIL G.G.**, at BENGALURU.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SOWMYA B.K.**, aged about 36 years, W/o, Vijay Krishna Gopal, Residing at No. 002, A Block, Skanda Enclave, 1st A Main Road, Rajiv Nagar, Padmanabha Nagar, Banashankari 3rd Stage, Bangalore - 560085, declare that I have changed the name of my Minor Daughter from **SUDITHI V** (Old Name) to **SUDITHI VIJAY KRISHNA** (New Name), henceforth my Daughter shall be known and called as **SUDITHI VIJAY KRISHNA** (New Name) only for all purpose, vide Affidavit dated: 02/12/2021 before Notary **ARAVIND PATIL G.G.**, at BENGALURU.

AFFIDAVIT

We, **V. MURALI**, S/o V. Krishna Reddy, Indian, Hindu, aged about 50 years & **V. SAILAJA**, W/o V. Murali, aged about 38 years, both are R/o Sy. No. 276/1, Near Silver Oaks School, Dommasandra, Sarjapura Road, Bengaluru, Karnataka-562125, do hereby declare that our correct names are **V. MURALI** and **V. SAILAJA**, but in my daughter **Miss. V. VINUHA REDDY** (New Name) mark sheet, our names are mistakenly recorded as **V. MURALIDHAR** and **V. SAILAJA REDDY**, vide affidavit dated 17-11-2021, sworn before Addl. Junior Civil Judge, Chikhalurpet.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **V AKSHAYA BRINDAE**, (New Name), D/o N Venkat Mohan, Residing at No. 402, 4TH FLOOR, SAI NIVAS APARTMENT, RATHINA VILAS ROAD, BASAVANAGUDI, BANGALORE-560 004, that I have changed my name from **V BRINDA** (Old Name) to **V AKSHAYA BRINDAE** (New Name), henceforth I shall be known and called as **V AKSHAYA BRINDAE** (New Name) only for all purpose, vide Affidavit dated: 02/12/2021 before Notary **Aravind Patil G.G.**, at BANGALORE.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **CHINMAYA KAMMARDI SHIVASWAMY**, S/o Shivaswamy Raghunath, aged about 23 years, R/a No. 12, Sri Sai Bliss, 402, 5th Main, MLA Layout, Boopasandra, RMV 2nd Stage, Bengaluru-560094, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **CHINMAYA KAMMARDI SHIVASWAMY** to **CHINMAYA SHIVASWAMY**, henceforth I shall be known and called as **CHINMAYA SHIVASWAMY** only, vide affidavit dated 02-12-2021, sworn before Advocate and Notary **JALANDHARA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **BHAGIRATHI NAYAK** resident of SMQ 596/2, 7th Camp, Air Force Station Jahallali East, Bangalore 560014, have changed my daughter's name from **TAMANNA** to **TAMANNA NAYAK**, vide Affidavit Dated 02-12-2021, before Advocate and Notary **S PRAKASH**, Reg No. 7865/09 Bangalore, Karnataka.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **MUNIRATHNAMMA**, W/o Ravi K.M, aged about 36 years, R/a No. 5, 1 "B" Cross, Kanakanagara, Pattabirappa, Bengaluru-560072, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **MUNIRATHNAMMA** to **MADHU S**, henceforth I shall be known and called as **MADHU S** only, vide affidavit dated 03-12-2021, sworn before Advocate and Notary **MANJULA JANGAM** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **AGNEE MARIA. T.** D/o. Thangachan Varghese R/a #46, Antony Bhavan Opp. Srinivasa Temple, 2nd cross, Maruthi Nagar, Madivala, Bangalore-560068 Declare that my correct Name is **AGNEE MARIA. T.** But in my Passport Entered as **AGNEE MARIA** (Passport No. R6042692) instead of **AGNEE MARIA.T.** vide affidavit Dated: 02.12.2021 before Notary **B.M. Chandrashekar**, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I **VINUTA PHADKE**, Spouse of Santhosh Kumar Phadke (656838-K) resident of B 907, KHB Platinum Apartment, Kengeri Satellite Town, Bangalore 560066, have changed my name from **VINUTA PHADKE** to **VINATHA PHADKE** as per affidavit dated 30th Nov 2021 (IN-KA6645230675779T) sworn before Notary Ravi, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **BIBI AYESHA**, D/o. Mohammed Rafique Kurupath, residing at Ward No.29, Navabag, Near Usmaniya Masjid, Vijayapura-586101, have changed my name from **BIBI AYESHA** to **BIBI AYESHA KURUPATH** vide affidavit Dated 03/12/2021 sworn before Notary Lakshminarayana, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SERVICE NO 16122043M L/NK R. Sathish Kumar** of Unit 203 ENGR REGT, 303 FD PARK COY, C/O 99 APO PIN: 914203, have changed my name from **R. SATHISH KUMAR** to **SATHISH KUMAR .R**. Vide Affidavit Dated 30.11.2021 sworn before Notary Gangaraju .B.N. Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **D. LALITHA** Spouse of No 16122043M L/Nk R. Sathish Kumar Residing at # 239/1, 7th Street, Pattabiram, Kurinjima Nagar, West Gopalapuram, Poonamallee (Taluk), Thiruvallur, Tamil Nadu (State), PIN : 600072, have changed my name from **D. LALITHA** to **LALITHA .D.** vide affidavit Dated 30.11.2021 sworn before notary Gangaraju .B.N. Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **PREMILA VASANTHAKUMARI IMMANUEL** R/at No.8, Ground Floor, 7th Cross, Anjanadi Bank Avenue, Babusapalya, Bangalore -560043 have changed my name to **PREMILA IMMANUEL** vide affidavit dated: 01/12/2021 Before Notary **C.Sharada** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Vijayalakshmi Sabari** W/o. Sabari # 896, 4th Cross, 16th Main, Near Udipi Garden, BTM 2nd Stage, Krishna Park, Bengaluru - 560 076, have changed my name as **S. Vijayalakshmi** D/o **Mr. S. Ramachandra** Vide affidavit dated 03.12.2021 sworn before notary Aravind Patil G G

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SHAZIA BANO**, D/o Syed Shahabuddin, residing at No. 19/1, Zoya Manzil, 3rd Cross, BTM 1st Stage, Maruthi Layout, Bengaluru-560029, have changed my name as **SHAZIYA BANO**, vide affidavit dated 02-12-2021 before Notary Public **D.K. RAMESHAPPA**, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **RIZWAN AHMED**, S/o. Meer Numan Ahmad, Aged about 45 years, C/o. 26, Elit Homes, Block-A, 2nd Block, Amruthahalli Main Road, Amruthahalli Sahakara Nagar Post, Bengaluru - 560 092, hereby declare that I have changed my name from **RIZWAN AHMED** to **RIZWAN AHMED**. I further submit that the name **Rizwan Ahmad** and **Rizwan Ahmed** pertains to only one person i.e., my self. I submit that, in future my name is to be called and called as **RIZWAN AHMED**. Vide affidavit dated 3.12.2021 sworn to before T.C. Thimmaraaja, Advocate & Notary Public, Bengaluru.

ANNOUNCEMENT

I, **NO. 18004050X NK Suri Babu** Boyi, presently serving in ADMC C/o 56 APO Bengaluru, hereby state that in my service records my wife's name as **SWAPNA** instead of **BOYI SWAPNA** I further declare that her correct name is **BOYI SWAPNA** respectively vide affidavit Dated 03/12/2021 sworn before Notary C.Santhosh, Bengaluru.

AFFIDAVIT

I, **H. Ganpatil Kawad**, S/o. Late Hadman Mal, Kawad, Aged about 51 years, R/at Flat No. E-1701, ETA The Garden, Binny Mill Road, Off Magadi Road, K.P. Agrahara, Bangalore - 560 023, hereby declare that my name called as **H. Ganpatil Kawad**, **Ganpatil Kawad**, **Ganpatil H Kawad** and **Ganpatil Kawad H**, are all the name of mine one and the same (same person). I state that hence forth I will be known as **H. Ganpatil Kawad**. Vide affidavit dated 03.12.2021 sworn to before K. Venkata, Advocate & Notary, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **PREM KUMAR**, S/o Jagadish (Late), aged about 36 years, R/at Girenahalli Village and Post, Harohalli Hobli, Kanakapura Taluk, Ramanagara District-562112, now at Bangalore, I declare that, name of mine has been wrongly entered in SSLC Marks Card as **PREMAKUMAR.G.J** The actual name is **PREM KUMAR**, vide Affidavit dated 03/12/2021 sworn before Notary T.C. THIMMARAJA, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **MAULI MEHUL PATEL** (Old Name), D/o **MEHULKUMAR JAYANTIBHAI PATEL**, residing at Apt 9114, Sobha Daffodil, Sector 2, HSR Layout, Bangalore, Karnataka, 560102, India, changed my name from **MAULI MEHUL PATEL** to **MAULI MEHULKUMAR PATEL** vide affidavit dated 25.11.2021, sworn before Notary K.V. Mani, at Bangalore. Henceforth, I shall be known as **MAULI MEHULKUMAR PATEL** for all purposes.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **VEENA Devi**, W/o Subbarao Nageswara, Residing at House No.536, 7th Main, 8th Cross, Coffee Board Layout, Hebbal, Kempapura, H A Form, Bangalore-560024. Hereby declare that, I have changed my name from **VEENA DEVI** to **LEPAKSHI VEENA DEVI** vide Affidavit dated 3.12.2021, Sworn before Advocate and Notary Public T.C. Thimmaraaja, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **N. V Ramesh** (Naivaruni Venkitachalam Ramesh) S/o Late N.V. Venkitachalam Residing at 621, plot no.26, 9th Cross, 9th Main, Aditya Nagar Vidyanarayana Post, Chikkabettahalli Bangalore - 560097 has changed my name from **N. V Ramesh** (OLD NAME) to **Ramesh Venkitachalam Naivaruni** (NEW NAME) vide affidavit dated 30th November 2021 before Advocate & Notary Public **SMT A Manjula**, Bangalore.

LOST

I, **K V PRAJWAL**, S/o K V Srinivas, have lost my 10th Std CBSE Mark Sheet ID No. 361650 and PUC 2nd Year Mark Sheet ID No. 056057 Finders please Call @ 9448021075 vide affidavit before Notary C V Erappa Dated 03/12/2021, Bangalore.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given to the public that we are investigating the right, title, interest, benefits, entitlements of whatsoever nature of the respective owners of the Survey Numbers / Site Numbers, as mentioned in the table below, all situated at Sampangere Village, Lakur Hobli, Malur Taluk, Kolar District, which is more particularly described in the Schedule hereunder written and called "Schedule Property".
ALL persons including an individual under the law, having any objection, claim, right, title and/or interest in respect of said Property or any of its part or portion thereof are hereby requested to inform their claim/s (if any) to the undersigned in writing, supported with the original documents at 6/12, Gurappa Avenue, Primrose Road Bengaluru 560 025, within a period of 10 (ten) days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which, the claim or claims, if any, of such person or persons shall be considered to have been waived and/or abandoned for all intents and purposes.

Schedule Property
All those pieces and parcels of the land detailed below, situated at Sampangere Village, Lakur Hobli, Malur Taluk, Kolar District, Karnataka and bounded as under:

Sl.No	Sy No.	Extent of land Acres Guntas	Land Owner/s	Boundaries
1.	62/4	1 20	M/s. SVR Builders India Private Limited,	E: Sy No. 61 W: Sy No. 66/3 N: Sy No. 62 S: Sy No. 96/3
2.	66/3	1 03	M/s. SVR Builders India Private Limited,	E: Sy No. 62/4 W: Nala N: Sy No. 66/2 S: Sy No. 65
3.	95/1	2 02	M/s. Jain Heights and Structures Private Limited,	E: Sy No. 282 (Tamil Nadu Border) W: Sy. No. 97/2 (Bellappa's Land); N: Remaining portion of same Sy. No. belonging to Narayanaswamy and Sy No. 284; S: Tamilnadu Border
4.	96/1	0 25	M/s. Jain Heights and Structures Private Limited	E: Sy No. 96/2 W: Sy Nos. 97/2 & 97/1 N: Sy No. 284 S: Sy No. 96/3
5.	96/2	1 21	M/s. Jain Heights and Structures Private Limited	E: Sy No. 283 W: Sy Nos. 96/1 & 96/3 N: Sy No. 284 S: Sy No. 96/4
6.	96/3	0 14	Naresh Kumar	E: Sy No. 96/2 W: Sy Nos. 97/1 & 97/2 N: Sy No. 96/1 S: Sy No. 96/4
7.	96/4	1 09	M/s. Jain Heights and Structures Private Limited	E: Sy No. 96/4 & 96/5 W: Sy Nos. 97/2 & 97/1 N: Sy No. 96/2 & 96/3 S: Sy No. 96/5
8.	96/5	1 24	M/s. Jain Heights and Structures Private Limited	E: Sy No. 282 W: Sy Nos. 97/2 & 97/1 N: Sy No. 96/4 S: Sy No. 95
9.	97/1	3 10	M/s. Jain Heights and Structures Private Limited	E: Sy Nos. 96/1, 96/3 & 96/4 W: Sy Nos. 267 & 260 N: Sy No. 98/2 S: Sy No. 97/2
10.	97/2	2 13	M/s. Jain Heights and Structures Private Limited	E: Sy Nos. 96/4, 96/5 & 95 W: Sy Nos. 216/2A & 267 N: Sy No. 97/1 S: Sy No. 97/2
11.	97/2	1 22	M/s. Jain Heights and Structures Private Limited	E: Sy No. 95 W: Sy Nos. 216/2A N: Private Property S: Remaining portion of Sy No. 97/2
12.	216/2B	4 20	M/s. Jain Heights and Structures Private Limited	E: Sy No. 216/2A W: Sy Nos. 216/1B1 N: Sy No. 268 S: Tamilnadu Border
13.	142/188A	3298	M/s. Jain Heights and Structures Private Limited	E: Road W: Property belonged to A. Arokia Raj N: Property belonged to B.K. Ravendra Reddy S: Property belonged to Erappa
14.	188/B,	V/P Khata No.142	M/s. SVR Builders India Private Limited,	E: Hosur Malur Road W: Land belongs to Thomas Jan N: Property belongs to Venkatesh S: Site No. 188/B
15.	188/C,	V/P Khata No.142	M/s. SVR Builders India Private Limited,	E: Hosur Malur Road W: Land belongs to Thomas Jan N: Site No. 188/B S: Site belongs to N. Yogamurthy
16.	188/B	V/P Khata No.142	M/s. SVR Builders India Private Limited,	E: Hosur Malur Road W: Land belongs to Thomas Jan N: Site belongs to N. Yogamurthy S: House belongs to Govindaswamy

Sd/- **Mr. S T Prashantha Kumar**, Partner,
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The top-seeded Indian men booked a spot in the final of the 20th Asian squash Team Championship with a 2-0 win over Hong Kong in the semifinals on Friday. However, the women's team lost 1-2 to Hong Kong in the semifinals. **Results (SF):** Men: India beat Hong Kong 2-0 (Saurav Ghosal beat Yip Tsz Fung 10-12, 11-6, 11-6, 15-13; Ramit Tandon beat Henry Leung 4-11, 11-5, 11-8, 11-5).

NEERAJ SET TO FLY OUT ON SUNDAY FOR TRAINING IN US

INDRANEEL DAS @Chennai

TRAINING during Covid is indeed a challenge, but finding a place abroad is always turning out to be a bigger challenge. And if the programme gets altered at the last moment, then the task gets much more difficult. This is what Tokyo 2020 gold medallist Neeraj Chopra's team was facing after his original plan to train in South Africa got shelved due to concerns

over the new Covid variant Omicron.

The idea of all stakeholders -- the Athletics Federation of India, Target Olympic Podium Scheme and his sponsor JSW sports -- was to find him a place that would suit his training. Since it's winter in Europe, the team thought it would be prudent to choose a place in the US. Finally, after days of back-and-forth emails from various centres in the US, Neeraj's team

chose Chula Vista, San Diego in California as the venue.

According to Sports Authority of India of India, Neeraj would fly out of the country on December 5 and the cost of the tour would be around ₹47 lakh. The proposal sent by the AFI was cleared on an urgent basis so that he can fly out by Sunday before more travel restrictions are in place. He would be accompanied by his coach Klaus Bartonietz. Even his physio



Ishaan Marwah would be there with him.

Chula Vista, where elite athletes train, did agree to host

Neeraj but staying inside the premises would be until late December and his team has to find an accommodation outside the campus. Things, however, is getting more and more difficult because of the new Covid variant Omicron. The team might look for a place where he can stay and train after December. Things, however, are getting more and more difficult because of the new variant and travel restrictions.

Neeraj was one of the first to join the national camp at the National Centre of Excellence in Patiala and has been training ever since. Getting back to fitness was his first priority before increasing the load. Due to winter setting in, Patiala will only get colder. The practice is done late in the morning and gets over early in the evening.

There are issues that are affecting his training as well. There are times when he has to

leave camp for some obligation or another. There are too many distractions and getting him out of the country seems the logical move.

If Chula Vista gets inconvenient later because of staying outside, the team might look for an alternative. It's yet to be decided but the IMG training centre in Florida could be one. After the US, Turkey could be the next stop in March before the domestic season.

WELL-TIMED HUNDRED

Agarwal's fourth Test ton rescues India from position of bother on Day 1 of 2nd Test vs Kiwis

VENKATA KRISHNA B @Chennai

MAYANK Agarwal could have easily missed the Mumbai Test. Not because of injury or for any fault of his. Whenever a difficult selection call has to be made, Indian cricket has taken the route of sacrificing what it considers a weak link. In a team that has always had a strong middle-order, more often than not it is the openers who have taken the axe. It happened under Sourav Ganguly. Current head coach Rahul Dravid has done it as captain. And even Virat Kohli is no exception to this. Captains and team management prefer a stop-gap arrangement, especially if tough calls have to be made mid-way through a series.

So when it was clear that only one of Cheteshwar Pujara and Ajinkya Rahane would play at the Wankhede, the only left-field option left for both to feature in the second Test was if India dropped Agarwal and instead send one of Srikar Bharat or Wriddhiman Saha to open. Thankfully, these talks never really found mention among the team management, who were crystal clear about the need of having a regular at the top. That Rahane would eventually miss the Test with a hamstring injury is another story, but Agarwal was considered good enough to be dropped, it said a thing or two about where his career was headed.

There was a time when his continuous omission made little sense, just like how all the current talks of dropping him altogether sounds like in the absence of a reliable third opener. Unlike Pujara and Rahane, who have got long ropes, Agarwal didn't get one. In fact, Indian openers seldom get that luxury. It took him only three bad Tests -- in Christchurch, Adelaide (pink ball) and Melbourne -- to lose his spot to Rohit Sharma. And he got a chance to play in this series, only because both Rohit and KL Rahul are missing. So dropping him to accommodate both Pujara and Rahane -- although not justified --

wouldn't have made much noise when you know he is not going to open in South Africa.

So when Agarwal walked in on Friday, his future in the team was uncertain. Dravid had a word too: "He told me, 'Listen just control what is in your hands. You have this opportunity, go out there, give your best, and that's all we ask of you. And when you get set, make it big.' I am happy. I am happy that when I got set, I could capitalise." And by the time he walked back to the dressing room at the end of Day 1, unbeaten on 120, he not only served a timely reminder, but also had bailed out India from trouble. Thanks to his fourth Test century, India choosing to bat first after the first session was washed out because of wet outfield, were 221/4 at stumps on pitch where it is taking good turn and batting is only going to get difficult as the match progresses.

Under the circumstances, this was a wonderfully placed hundred from Agarwal, who took the job on to himself after India lost the wickets of Shubman Gill (44), Pujara (0) and Kohli (0) at 80. Left-arm spinner Ajaz Patel was beginning to look unplayable as he consistently landed the ball around the middle and off stump channel to repeatedly test the outside edge. India needed a batter who could counter the spinners, and Agarwal knew it was his responsibility. First, he had to disrupt Ajaz's rhythm and he did so by hitting him over the cover fence for a six and followed it up with a boundary. It was probably the shots that sort of calmed not only the Indian dressing room, but also Agarwal.

From there on, he was in full control. In the company of Shreyas, he steadied India and with William Somerville offering freebies, Agarwal ensured none of it were wasted. The dismissal of Shreyas after an 80-run stand proved to be another hiccup, but with Wriddhiman Saha giving enough support from the other end, Agarwal swiftly moved to his fourth century at home.



India's opener Mayank Agarwal (L) celebrates his century on Day 1 of second Test against New Zealand in Mumbai on Friday | AP

SCOREBOARD
India 1st Innings: Agarwal (batting) 120, Gill c Taylor b Patel 44, Pujara b Patel 0, Kohli lbw b Patel 0, Iyer c Blundell b Patel 18, Saha (batting) 25; **Extras:** (b9, lb5) 14; **Total:** (4 wickets in 70 ovs) **221; FoW:** 1-80, 2-80, 3-80, 4-160; **Bowling:** South 15-5-29-0, Jamieson 9-2-30-0, Patel 29-10-73-4, Somerville 8-0-46-0, Ravindra 4-0-20-0, Mitchell 5-3-9-0.

Germany overcome India in 'men' vs boys match

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN @Bhubaneswar

IT became apparent when both the teams walked out before the anthems. The German colts enjoyed a significant height advantage over their Indian counterparts. When the two teams stood side by side for the anthems, it further rammed home the point.

While most Indian players are still growing -- for instance, at 5' 3", Vivek Sagar Prasad is one of the shortest players at the World Cup -- most of the German boys are already physically robust, almost 6 foot, if not more. The visitors used that as their starting base to physically overpower the Boys in Blue to advance to the final of the junior World Cup.

In what was a very one-sided encounter -- if this was a boxing bout, the referee would have ruled it as a light flyweight vs welterweight and stopped it -- the 4-2 win did not flatter Germany one bit. If anything, they should have scored more goals, having missed at least three goal-scoring chances when it was easier to score.

Coach Graham Reid summed up his team's display perfectly 30 minutes into the match. "We are not in front at the back," he said. "They are showing us how we need to be playing." While Germany were very good, two factors contributed heavily towards their supremacy.

One was the difference in the height and the other was India's general sloppy play. Mistakes you didn't see against Belgium in the quarterfinal were dime a dozen. Passes were routinely overcooked or underhit, there were also a few misstraps. Even if the conditions did not allow the players to express themselves fully -- there was a constant drizzle in the first two quarters as the weather system inches its way to the coast -- they didn't help themselves.

The likes of Arajjeet Singh Hundal and Uttam Singh, who have not shied away from taking on their men and dribbling down the channel or through



Germany will play Argentina in final while India will take on France in a third place match at Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar on Sunday | IRFANA

the centre, continued to do so but lacked any real conviction. It was almost as if they were expecting to be tackled because of the Germans' intensity.

However, in the grand scheme of things, this is still a good World Cup for the hosts, who will now play France for the bronze-medal match on Sunday. It's a good tournament because there's enough talent in the system to supplement the senior side for years to come. And that's what the age-group tournament ought to be to begin

RESULTS

Semifinals: Argentina 0-0 France (Argentina won 3-1 via a shootout), India 2-4 Germany

5th-8th place: Spain 2-2 Belgium (Belgium won 4-2 via a shootout), Malaysia 3-9 Netherlands.

Saturday's matches

15-16th place

10.30 am US vs Egypt

13-14th place

1.30 pm Canada vs Chile

11-12th place

4.30 pm Pakistan vs Poland

9-10th place

7.30 pm South Africa vs South Korea

with. A title is grand but if you can unearth talents who have the nous to progress, that's what really matters. Reid said the ones who have a chance of breaking through will 'learn from today'.

The Australian was also pretty intimate with the height advantage the Germans had. "It is what it is, they were pushing us... but that's what you get at this level," he said. "That's why strength and conditioning is so important. We have tactics, we have to continue to improve."

The Germans, who will now vie for a seventh title at this level against Argentina in the last match on Sunday, weren't just pushing India, they were physically bullying them. The intensity of their play, man-marking and tackling was all a consequence of their height.

When Germany decided to man-mark the Indians, it was a bit like watching big brothers babysitting their little brothers as parents were away on holiday. For instance, the visitors used their bigger reach and wingspan to steal possession of the attackers multiple times. Once they knew they were physically better, the game was pretty much up from an Indian perspective. It's now a question of whether the team can put away this disappointment and be ready for France.

Bengaluru set for big Mumbai challenge in ISL

ASHIM SUNAM @Bengaluru

THREE games into the ISL season, Bengaluru FC are yet to showcase their true potential. After their win over NorthEast United, the Blues have just collected one point from the last two matches. At times, they have made some silly errors, leading to goals and in the process has cost them important points. However, there will be no room for error when they come up

against the defending champions Mumbai City in Bambolim on Saturday.

Bengaluru, who lie seventh on the table, need to up their game in all departments. They have the ammunition to fire, but it is a case of delivering the goods when it matters. More importantly, they need to convert their opportunities into goals. Hence, they will need their forwards, including Sunil Chhetri, who has not scored a single goal so far, Cleiton Silva

and Prince Ibara to be at their best against Mumbai.

"The morale in the camp is very good, because we have analysed the games we played so far and we see an improvement in certain aspects. But we still need to work on finishing the chances we get, which is what our next step is, as a team. We are playing Mumbai, which is very motivating for us as it is for every other team, because everyone wants to beat the champions of the

League," said Bengaluru coach Marco Pezzaiuoli in a virtual interview.

It is going to be a difficult game for Bengaluru with Mumbai in good form. They come into this game with a lot of confidence after their impressive display against ATK Mohun Bagan, winning the contest 5-1. They are one of the best attacking teams in the league with the wingers pressing high, which could lead to problems for Bengaluru if not dealt accordingly.

Australia favourite for Ashes: Gillespie

ASHIM SUNAM @Bengaluru

AUSTRALIAN players have not worn the whites of the national team for quite some time with the home series against India in January being the last instance. The situation cannot be considered ideal, especially when they are set for a big summer with the Ashes, starting with the first Test at the Gabba from December 8. Comparatively, England are in a much better position after having played eight Tests during the same period.

The reasons could be many, including a hectic international schedule, which also included the Indian Premier League for the majority of the big Australian players, the T20 World

Cup, and not to forget the pandemic too. Despite the lack of game time in red ball cricket, former Australian bowler Jasen Gillespie believes that the Baggies Greens have it in them to come out on top. Even history wouldn't disagree with the kind of record England have against Australia with the former managing to win just two matches in the last ten Tests in the Ashes.

"England have played a lot of Test cricket, and county cricket. The Australians, since that series against India, have not played much first-class cricket, especially a couple of the bowlers have not had that opportunity. However, they are experienced campaigners. The scheduling has been such that

it has not been possible for them to play much first-class. I still maintain Australia as favourites," said Gillespie in a virtual interview.

However, the problem for Australia does not end there. Last month, Tim Paine was embroiled in a texting scandal, which sent shockwaves around the cricketing world. The skipper, as a result, announced his resignation as the captain of the national team too. It opened the doors for a new captain and pacer Pat Cummins was appointed in that key position, who will have a dual role of delivering with the ball as well as leading the team on the park with Steve Smith as his deputy.

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Onat stars in K'taka win

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KARNATAKA defeated Jammu & Kashmir by an innings and 210 runs in the men's U19 Cooch Behar Trophy with Vishal Onat scoring an unbeaten 252 in Vizag. Jammu and Kashmir were all out for 114 and 193 runs in the first and second innings respectively. In their first essay, Karnataka managed 517/7 with Onat and Jasper EJ (148) coming up with impressive innings.

Ramandeep, Hardeep score five each for Punjab Police

Punjab Police had a rollicking start to their campaign at the

All India Police Hockey Championship here in Bengaluru. Led by India striker Ramandeep Singh, Punjab Police dominated the proceedings with brilliant 17-0 win against Uttarakhand Police in their pool B match on Friday. Ramandeep and Hardeep Singh struck five goals each to emerge as the standout performers.

Kickstart thrash ADE

Kickstart FC cruised past ADE FC in style, with a thumping 7-0 win in the BDFA Super Division League at BF's on Friday. Princivil Olariche, Dhannush and Sudheer Kotikela scored two goals each.

Top seed Rutuja seals semifinal spot

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TOP seed Rutuja Bhosale faced some stiff resistance in the second set after blanking her qualifier opponent Pratyusha Rachapudi in the first for a 6-0, 6-3 win to reach the semifinals of the KSLTA ITF World Women's Tour Championships here on Friday. In the final four, she will meet third seed Sowjanya Bavisetty, who came up with an impressive show to defeat So-Ra Lee of Korea 6-0, 6-4. Fourth seed Pranjala Yadlapalli and sixth seed Vailapalli were involved in a close encounter with the former winning the contest 6-7 (3), 6-4, 6-4 as the game lasted for two hours and 27 minutes.





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♦ Work executed under the Char Dham All Weather Road Project

♦ Road widening work of 38 kms from Devprayag to Srikot NH-58 (Cost ₹ 257 crore)

The road has been widened making it accessible and safe for traffic with a 10 meter riding surface. The connectivity of Devprayag, Bagban, Laxmoli, Jyalgarh, Kirtinagar and Sweet villages has been simplified due to the construction of this route, ascertaining social and economic development of these areas.

♦ Road widening and duct construction work of 33 kms from Brahmapuri to Kaudiyala on NH-58 (Cost ₹ 248 crore)

The road from Brahmapuri (Neergadu) to Kaudiyala (Mahadev Chatti) has been widened to two lanes in the yoga city of Rishikesh. Accessible and safe movement will be facilitated with 10 meter riding surface, benefitting local residents as well as tourists.

♦ Landslide Mitigation work of 500 meters in Lambagad NH-58 (Cost ₹ 108 crore)

To secure the reinforced earth wall measuring 27 to 44 meters in height along with the road surface, construction of rockfall barrier measuring 320 meters in length and 10 meters in height has been undertaken on the hill side. Permanent treatment of sliding zone will eliminate disruptions in movement of passengers, border areas and logistics heading towards Badrinath Dham.

♦ Chronic Landslide Remediation Work of 1.1 kms in Saknidhar, Srinagar and Devprayag NH-58 (Cost ₹ 76 crore)

These areas were made accident free by treating 200 meters in Saknidhar, 200 meters in Devprayag and 700 meters in Srinagar. Due to the permanent treatment and widening of these routes, Char Dham Yatra, tourism and local transport has become safe and easy.

♦ Himalayan Culture Centre, Dehradun, (Cost ₹ 67 crore)

State level museum, external and internal art galleries, art auditorium with a capacity of 800 seats, library, theatre and conference hall have been constructed in the integrated Himalayan Culture Centre built in Gadhikent, which will house state's cultural activities, theatre, art gallery, craft exhibitions, costumes and cultural heritage artifacts and bring state's antiquities under a single roof.

♦ State of the art Perfumery and Aroma Laboratory Centre for Aromatic Plants, Dehradun, (Cost ₹ 40 crore)

Centre for Aromatic Plants is playing an important role in promoting employment generation through aromatic crops in the state's hilly and rural areas. Construction of 6 state-of-the-art perfumery and laboratories, spanning across an area of 20,560 sq.ft, has been completed. Centre for Aromatic Plants, Selakui is the only institute of excellence at a national and international level, which will have facilities for agricultural extension, etc.

♦ Delhi-Dehradun Expressway -175 km, (Cost ₹ 8,600 crore)

The e-way will encourage economic activities and investments. The travel time from Delhi to Dehradun will be reduced from 8 hours to 2.5 hours. It will be Asia's largest 12 km Wildlife elevated corridor for uninterrupted movement of wildlife. There will be more than 750 rain water harvesting and water recharge points, spread at an interval of 500 meters.

♦ Delhi-Dehradun Expressway to Haridwar -51 km (Cost ₹ 2,082 crore)

With the construction of this route, connectivity will become easier between Delhi and Haridwar, reducing travel time, increasing tourism and generating new employment opportunities. It will have 6 interchanges, 4 flyovers, 6 major bridges, 10 minor and 2 ROB and 10 VUPs.

♦ Dehradun-Paonta Sahib: Paonta Sahib to Ballapur Chowk-50 km, (Cost Rs 1,695 crore)

The connectivity from Paonta Sahib, Himachal Pradesh to Dehradun will be simplified reducing travel time and promote inter-state tourism. Its include 3 major and 43 minor bridges, 1 flyover and 15 underpasses.

♦ Construction of 15 km Haridwar Ring Road from Manoharpur to Kangri in 4 lane (Cost ₹ 1,602 crore)

Residents will find relief from traffic congestion in Haridwar city, especially during tourist season and connectivity with Kumaon will improve. Also, development of Haridwar district and nearby rural areas and towns will get impetus. Under this, 2 major and 1 minor bridge, 1 ROB, 1 flyover and 12 underpass are proposed.

♦ Development of Water Supply, Road and Drainage System, Dehradun (Cost ₹ 724 crore)

2.45 lakh people will avail the benefits of upgraded facilities of water supply, sewage and drainage network.

♦ Medical College, Haridwar (Cost ₹ 538 crore)

The Medical College will offer best medical education for the state youth along with best treatment facilities for the patients. After completing the formal process, Rs 68 crore has been transferred to the executing agency in October 2021.

♦ Development work at Shri Badrinath Dham (Cost ₹ 220 crore)

The development of Badrinath Township as a smart spiritual town will benefit the pilgrims and the local citizens.

♦ Road widening work of 15 kms from Najibabad to Kotdwar on NH-119 (Cost ₹ 86 crore)

Road widening will save time and fuel, reduce road accidents and improve the overall travel experience. Connectivity between Kotdwar to Najibabad city will become easier, facilitating pilgrims and tourists visiting the region.

♦ Construction of 132 meter bridge on the Ganges River near Lakshman Jhula Setu (Cost ₹ 69 crore)

In place of pylons in the proposed bridge, pylons modelled on Kedarnath temple have been provisioned at both ends. Provision of glass deck for pedestrians and light to medium vehicular traffic. Apart from an additional span of 35 meters, construction of Approach Bridge towards Yog Nagari (Rishikesh), benefitting tourists, local residents and business establishments.

♦ Child Friendly City Project, Dehradun, (Cost ₹ 58 crore)

With the construction of child friendly and commuter centric city, children will have a brighter childhood. Child Friendly City Project has been launched to make Dehradun more conducive for children. It will have 6 main roads; a total of 15 kms of length and 34 schools will be covered to build safe transits for children.

♦ Development work at Shri Gangotri-Yamunotri Dham (Cost ₹ 54 crore)

Upgradation of infrastructure related to pilgrimage and tourism. Tourists and pilgrims will receive best facilities.



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DAY'S DIARY
Led Zeppelin
On this day in 1980, the rock band announced that they are disbanding, two months after the death of drummer John Bonham

TRAGIC DEATH
Bonham passed away after a day of heavy drinking. He had gone to bed and died via asphyxiation from his own vomit. The death was ruled accidental



THE BEGINNING
Initially called the New Yardbirds, Led Zeppelin was formed in 1968 by Jimmy Page, the final lead guitarist for the legendary British blues band the Yardbirds



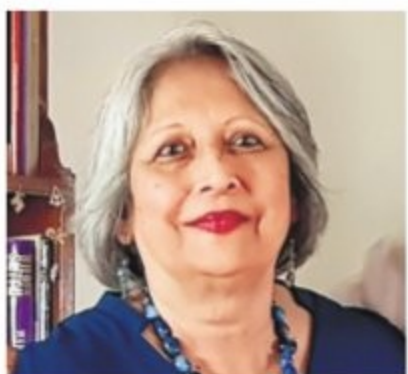
RULING ROCK KINGDOM
They sold anywhere between 200 and 300 million copies of seminal albums such as *Houses of the Holy*, *Physical Graffiti* and their self-titled early records

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After the shows of comedians Munawar Faruqi and Kunal Kamra were forcibly cancelled, **City Express** speaks to artistes who worry and wonder about their creativity being curbed

State of art



RAGHAVA KK, artist

When I used to work on cartoons for a company, I remember being told that it's not going to work. There were so many political narratives around it. But humour is the only tool that works. It's the tool for growth. Unfortunately, there are limitations that artistes have to work around. It's important that one should not censor art, but critic it and talk about the lack of finesse. We need a mature society. If India loses comedy, we'll lose the ability to laugh at ourselves, change, grow and shift.

ARUNDHATI RAJA, theatre personality

The organisation that stopped Munawar Faruqi's standup comedy event is the same that actually stopped our theatre play, *Shiva*, in 2018. The problem in both the cases is that the police will not give any kind of protection to the venue. However, the common thing remains that these organisations are putting a full stop to our creativity and we are giving into it. There is nothing that artistes can do. Moreover, we as Indians, are not people who can easily laugh at ourselves. This factor is very hard to change in a country where religion and culture are deeply ingrained.



Illustration: SOUMYADIP SINHA

ARUNDHATHI NAG, theatre practitioner

In order for a community to grow, many people have to take a stand and speak up. Right now, there are voices being raised and questions being asked, but they are not loud enough. Certain instances that are happening around us have ripple effects.



KM CHAITANYA, film director

The shows of these comedians being cancelled in Bengaluru is the start of a new repressive era for artistes in India. I come from a theatre background that represents different ideological and belief systems. A society that cannot laugh at itself has lost the ability to be introspective, which is a worrying trend. It is absurd and unfortunate that police who are supposed to take action against fringe groups threatening to create violence are actually acting against the organisers of the show.



SHANKAR CHUGANI, standup comedian

I did feel a pinch when Kunal Kamra and Munawar Faruqi's shows were cancelled in Bengaluru. It is a worrisome trend for local comedians, for whom getting an opportunity on the stage to perform and express themselves is a big deal. When popular comedians face such setbacks, it affects the local artistes who cannot go that extra mile to make people laugh. Standup comedy is a profession for artistes and if this is curtailed, then it is almost equal to jeopardising their livelihoods.



SHAN RE, artist

Artistic expression should not have limitations in an ideal world, but I believe that freedom comes with responsibility. No matter what kind of creative project we are discussing, some kind of guidelines and boundaries are necessary and it is very important to manage it well.

Debolina Ray, a Bengaluru-based food & travel blogger who runs a blog called **She Knows Grub**, dishes out fun food-related trivia in this weekly series. So, answer these three questions and find out how much of a foodie you are



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- As winter sets in, this edition is all about steaks! The first place is one of my favourites for years, warm place and friendly service. The interiors are like a classic steakhouse from the wild west, animals mounted on the walls, cowboy figurines, the works! This had the original famous hot chicken wings, and some amazing steaks like the BigBoy Texas. Which place are we talking about?
- Back when it opened, it used to be the one place in Bengaluru with the juiciest steaks. It's still considered one of the iconic destinations in the city. Their menu is also known for burgers and pies, and continues to have a huge selection of steaks in different cuts and sides. Risking the obvious, what's it called and where was it originally opened?
- This place in north Bengaluru has been open for almost a decade, and does breakfasts, steaks, buffalo wings, burgers, keto options and vegetarian steaks too! They are easy on the pocket and have large servings, and is known to be one of the go-to steakhouses in the city. Do you know what it's called?



CITY READ

Arts and crafts mela organised

Artisans Bazaar is organising a 10-day arts and crafts mela at the Karnataka Chitrakala Parishath, Kumara Krupa Road. The exhibition will display ethnic and contemporary arts and crafts, clothing, handloom sarees, home decor and much more. Also on display will be Lucknow chikankari, Manipuri pottery, Jodhpuri jutis, kalamkari prints, wall hangings, and much more. The event will take place till December 5.

X'mas bazaar on Dec 11 & 12

EXPRESS FEATURES

WITH Christmas round the corner, artisanal markets are popping up across the city to help you with festive shopping. One such is the Artisanal Christmas Market which will be held on December 11 and 12, at Studio Orenda, Whitefield. Organised on the sprawling lakeview farms, there will be stalls of around 30 different organic brands, including clothing made with sustainable practices, handcrafted bags, handmade gift items, eclectic home decor, paper goodies, beauty products, organic food produce, and jewellery, both traditional, eclectic and contemporary.

At the two-day event, you can also relish on bakes, breads and jams; healthy and vegan food, and get an experience of health, wellness, and feel-good solutions. Learn gardening at the terrarium plant workshop that will be held at the venue. To add to the fun, there will also be an open mic setup with standup comedy happening on both the days.

The event will be held at Studio Orenda, Whitefield, on December 11 and 12. Entry is free.



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CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

Sunday Soul Sante X'Mas Edition is back with a mix of fun, food, flea and music from artists and artisans. **When:** Dec 19 **Where:** Jayamahal Palace Hotel



CLASSICAL DANCE

Bhoornia Trust will present Nityagam's Surupa Sen in a solo performance titled *Vinati - Songs from the Gita Govinda*. The Odissi dancer will be accompanied by Nityagam's signature live orchestra.
When: Dec 4, 7 pm **Where:** Chowdah Memorial Hall, Vyalikaval



FESTIVE DEAL

Grab a wide range of festive delicacies ahead of Christmas. The menu includes Roast Turkey, Confit Duck, Turkish Pide along with the season's special drinks like Egg Nogs and Mulled Wines. **When:** Ongoing **Where:** Ulu Brewpark, Bannerghatta Road. For reservations, call: 080-40511500

Catch **Chalo, Raja Se Miley**, a play based on comedy, greed and power. **When** Dec 4, **Where:** Alliance Française de Bangalore, Vasanthnagar, **Tickets:** bookmyshow.com

Dance Evening

Watch Dr Rekha Raju performing Mohinatam with live orchestra on the auspicious day of the Nadam festival. Entry is free. **When:** December 5. **Where:** ADA Ranga Mandira, Kalasipalya. **Details:** 9742059000



Pet adoption camp

NGO Mylos Rescue is organising an all-day pet adoption camp. The camp is inviting over 10 animal rescuers across Bengaluru to bring their rescued dogs for adoption.
When: Dec 4, 11:30 am **Where:** Rajashekar Nursing Home, JP Nagar. **Details:** 98667 99989



Felicitation ceremony

Karnataka Journalists Co-operative society will felicitate the talented children of journalists. Higher education minister Dr CN Ashwathnarayana, commissioner of information and public relations Dr PS Harsha will be the chief guests of the ceremony.
When: Dec 5, 10:30 am **Where:** Institution of Agricultural Technologists, Queen's Road



NEW MENU

Lazy Suzy in Indiranagar has introduced their new menu which includes dishes like Pugliese Chicken Puccia, Lazy Suzy Deli Puccia, Winter Lamb Stew, and Pondicherry Pepper Chicken Broth among others. For reservations, call 080 2527 2737



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ART EXHIBITION

Saturnalia-2 International Water Colour Exhibition 2021 will be held at the Karnataka Chitrakala Parishath Art Gallery, Kumara Kupa Road. The exhibition is curated by artist Sunil Linus De and features over 60 paintings done by 35 artists from around the globe. **When:** Till Dec 6

QUICK FIX

What's cooking IN YOUR KITCHEN?

We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at cityexpresschn@gmail.com



PURAN PARATHA

INGREDIENTS

- Grated coconut, Grated carrot, Jaggery: 200 g ■ Cardamom: 4
- Roasted gram dal: 2 tsp ■ Wheat flour: 300 g ■ Oil to cook

METHOD

- Prepare dough with wheat flour. Powder roasted gram dal and cardamom. Saute coconut, carrot and jaggery in a pan, on low flame.
- Once it becomes thick, sprinkle the powder and combine it well. Switch off the gas and transfer the mixture into a bowl. Puran is ready.
- Divide the puran and dough into required size balls. Stuff the puran in the dough and prepare parathas as regular parathas. Serve hot with ghee.

— Akila Thiagarajan, Bengaluru

FIT BIT

PARIVRTTA VIPARITA VIRABHADRASANA (TWISTED REVERSE WARRIOR POSE)

This is a variation with base pose as 'Sucirandhrasana' (Reverse Pigeon Pose). It is appropriate for beginners, but those with limited flexibility. In addition to being a hip-opener, this pose calms the mind and massages the digestive and reproductive organs. It is also a part of the creative yoga sequence for kids. It gently stretches the hamstrings, pelvic muscles, groins, and gluteus maximus muscles. It also helps to release tension at the lower back and hips due to long hours of desk work.

STEPS

1. Lie down on your back, in Savasana (Corpse Pose). Keep your legs apart. Let go of holding your legs straight so that your feet can be open to either side.
2. Bring your arms alongside your body, but slightly separated from your torso. Turn your palms to face upwards but don't try to keep them open. Let the fingers curl in.
3. From the corpse pose, leave the right leg extended long on the mat. Take your left leg in your arm as if holding a baby. Then your left knee into the fold of your left arm.
4. Place your left foot in the fold of your right arm. Interlock your hands. Slowly rock from your hip side to side.
5. Let your breathing occur naturally. If your mind wanders, you can bring your attention to your breath but try to just notice it, not deepen it.
6. Do for a minimum of five minutes or according to your convenience. Repeat it on the other leg.
7. To release the pose, deepen your breath. Then, come to Corpse pose and relax for a few minutes.

BENEFITS

- Opens the pelvic region.
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- Soothes the nervous system.
- Develops mental focus.

LIMITATIONS

- People who have injury of the hips, knees, lower back, and spine, should avoid this.
- Those who have arthritis of the hips, knees, and spine should practice this with the guidance of a yoga expert.

By N Elumalai, PhD scholar (Yoga Science), at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai



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Kushi, a gynaecologist and playboy, reluctantly marries Kushi. However, things take a drastic turn when they both start getting to know each other and uncover the lies they fed one another.
● Cast: Rashmika Mandanna, Ganesh, Girish Shivanma, Saadhu Kokila

KOTIGOBBA 3

The film is a continuation from that point where Satya now does things in a bigger canvas and he becomes an International Conman. He cons bigger stuff and pulls off bigger robberies.
● Cast: Kichcha Sudeepa, Madonna Sebastian, Ravishankar

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Ramachari, an ill-tempered young man, is always supported by Chamayya, his teacher. However, things start going downhill when he falls in love with two women.
● Cast: Vishnuvardhan, Aarathi, KS Ashwath, Ambareesh

PREETHSE

Chandra is obsessed with Kiran and stalks her constantly. However, Chandra goes berserk when she gets engaged to Surya and he decides to forcefully claim Kiran for himself.
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REGIONAL



SIVARANJINIYUM INNUM SILA PENGALUM (Tamil)

Three women, who belong to different walks of life, go through severe identity crisis because of the patriarchal system in their respective families.
● Cast: Lizzy Anthony, Lakshmi Priya Chandramouli, Vaali Mohan Das
● Watch on: Sony LIV

HAWA HAWAAI (Hindi)

Arjun, a poor boy working at a tea stall, aspires to become a skating champion. His dream comes true when Aniket, a skating coach, decides to train him.
● Cast: Partho Gupte, Saqib Saleem, Pragya Yadav, Makrand Deshpande
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ADBUTHAM (Telugu)

Surya and Vennela think of committing suicide when their life doesn't go as planned. Vennela receives a message to her number, which happens to be Surya's number as well. How can two people get the same mobile number? They find out that they are years apart in time.
● Cast: Teja Sajja, Shivani Rajashekhar, Sathya, Tulasi
● Watch on: Disney+ Hotstar



CHURULI (Malayalam)

A few people, who go in search of a man named Mayiladu parambil Joy, get trapped in a terrifying time loop in this sci-fi/horror tale of insanity, fear and 'aliens'.
● Cast: Vinay Forrt, Chemban Vinod Jose, Jaffar Idukki
● Watch on: Sony LIV



YENNANGA SIRUNGA SATTAM (Tamil)

The film is a political satire that talks about how people from all castes can become archaics in temples. If that sounded like the stance was going to be a progressive one, it was only half the description and is already quite obvious that the film attacks caste-based reservation in education and jobs.
● Cast: Aayra, Junior Balajiya, Soundarya Nandakumar
● Watch on: Sony LIV

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TABBAR (Hindi, series)

The show charts the journey of a retired police constable who pushes the boundaries to save his family from the consequences of an unfortunate incident.
● Cast: Pawan Malhotra, Supriya Pathak, Ranvir Shorey
● Watch on: Sony LIV



CHUMBAK (Marathi)

A 15-year-old con artist is faced with a tough choice when he meets the latest victim of his lottery scheme.
● Cast: Sahil Jadhav, Swanand Kirire, Sangram Desai
● Watch on: Sony LIV

FOREIGN

JETLAG (Russian)

A fight en route to an airport spurs an ordinary Moscow couple to split on a whim. Nikita ends up in Thailand and Zhenya in Berlin and both land in separate love triangles. But even continents apart, their lives turn out to be more intricately connected than they realise.
● Cast: Polina Aug, Filipp Andreev, Polina Dolindo
● Watch on: Disney+ Hotstar

BRUISED (English)

When 6-year-old Manny, the son she walked out on, returns, MMA fighter Jackie has to conquer her demons.
● Cast: Halle Berry, Sheila Atim, Amada Nunes, Shevchenko
● Watch on: Netflix



DEATH NOTE (Anime)

An intelligent high school student goes on a secret crusade to eliminate criminals from the world after discovering a notebook capable of killing anyone whose name is written into it.
● Cast: Mamoru Miyano, Brad Swaile, Vincent Tong
● Watch on: Netflix



RED OAKS (English, series)

It's the summer of 1985, and NYU student David lands a summer job at the Red Oaks Country Club in New Jersey. As the assistant tennis pro, he rubs elbows with the clientele, as well as his fellow employees. And they all have advice to offer him on how he should be planning for the rest of his life.
● Cast: Craig Roberts, Alexandra Socha, Oliver Cooper, Paul Reiser
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Nirupa Shankar & Abhijit Saha at Glass Kitchen & Bar

EVERYONE IS TALKING...

RUBINATIONS
Rubi Chakravarti
Writer, actor and funny girl

THIS is the season to be merry, isn't it? At least that's what the people wearing weather-beaten red hats with faux fur and plastic smiles keep telling us. This season has taken on a totally different hue with everyone thronging restaurants, pubs and hotels, with a vengeance, throwing caution to the wind. Mind you, I am not remonstrating...I'm just being a proverbial 'fly on the wall'. Too afraid to join them and envious of their 'devil may care' attitude! The comorbid stays locked in a safe mental place, exercising caution like we have done over the last two years.

I stick to 'safe bubbles' and small crowds (haven't understood how that helps), but we all give ourselves very powerful justifications and feel

secure and happy living with that.

But guess what...it's back! A newly-minted variant of the Cardi-V, the fifteenth letter of the Greek Alphabet...the Omicron has arrived! An unwitting mutant that is all ready to infect the remaining half of the uninfected people of the world! A Greek tragedy played out at in all its glory!

Everyone is talking...some in hushed whispers and some with bravado, but talking they are. Even my new maid, could barely conceal her excitement as she causally enquired about the truth behind the rumours of an impending lockdown. She was looking forward to her 'happy days are here again' as sitting at home and getting a full monthly paycheck deposited in her bank seemed quite appealing.

Even at the annual tree lighting ceremony at The Conrad, pockets of people were discussing the 'oily Omicron'! Of course, there are some who are born experts so there is no option but to listen to them. I just



Sonali Swami, Srijan Vadhera, Zahera Syed at The Conrad Tree Lighting

love the way a certain group of people always seem to have an 'inside edge'. Even after the tragic death of a young and beloved filmstar, these 'insiders' seemed to have a fast-track into the minutest details of his demise. Needless to say everyone was related to, or best friends with his wife, who apparently, only revealed the truth to these know-it-alls! I truly think knowing-it-all is a serious aftermath of Cardi-V! Well, at the least, surmising on the death of the actor and the

emergence of Omicron kept us engrossed and we 'mulled' over it drinking our mulled wine.

My week is happily interspersed with the mundane and some excitement. The news is out that people have tested positive for Omicron. We must learn a thing or two from our past mistakes. No pussy-footing around the anti-vaxers. Since they are more susceptible and can be asymptomatic carriers, more stringent action should be taken against

them. The kids are going back to school and they are not even in the running to get vaccinated. If you feel so strongly about being vaccinated, then isolate yourself at home...till good sense prevails.

No one wants to be the 'bad guy'. It always brings a frown on my face because the ones who were vociferously agreeing with the 'everybody must get vaccinated' lobby, suddenly stay mum when the time comes to confront somebody.

But frown as I might, the one person who brings a grin on my face is the extraordinary chef Abhijit Saha. He invited us to a bespoke tasting of his new restaurant, 'Glass, Kitchen and Bar.' He is consulting for the lovely Nirupa Shankar, an entrepreneur and all-round 'wonder lady', and they make a perfect team! My reticent and uber-talented friend Abhijit is the man who brought the concept of molecular-gastronomy to India many moons ago. 'Glass' is an Indian restaurant with a quintessentially Abhijit twist in flavours and taste. Just my type of evening, a well-stocked ambrosia-station, good friends (there were just a handful of us) and the company of both Nirupa and Abhijit...just perfect!

A sense of ennui has set in regarding Omicron. We must stay vigilant. The children need us.

NUGGETS



Say hello to the Bahubali of thalis

Tamil Nadu brand Ponnusamy opens its doors in Bengaluru. The Chettinad spread, known as the Bahubali thali, has 50 dishes from southern India. It includes delicacies like Sura Puttu (shark), Prawn Masala, Mutton Nalli to the Chicken Biryani, egg dishes, the house special Jhangri and Kesari. The thali, priced at ₹2,499, is available at Forum Shantiniketan at Fox in the Field. For reservation, call: 76766 06047.



For an American touch

Foodhall has launched its American-themed food festival. There's also an All-American Weekday Kitchen menu which will include items like As American As Can Be Grilled Cheese (melted, pull-apart Monterey Jack and cheddar cheeses nestled between thick toasted slices of sourdough, served with sliced gherkins and Dijon mustard), the Wild Wild West Chili, and the Classic American Bean Burger. The festival is on till December 10.



New restaurant alert

Glass, a modern Indian restaurant and bar curated by Chef Abhijit Saha at Brigade Group owned Holiday Inn Bengaluru Racecourse, opened its doors to patrons on Friday. 'Glass' has been conceptualised with a difference - to recreate traditional Indian food served with modern presentations. The menu includes traditional cuisine from different regions of India. "The idea to set up 'Glass' came about post the second lockdown in the country. We want to go beyond customer satisfaction and give customers that extra special experience" said Nirupa Shankar, executive director, Brigade Enterprises.

PEAR & FRANGIPANE TART

(Recipe by Bhuvaneshwari Devraj, @makeroomforbutter)

INGREDIENTS

- Pear - peeled, cored, cut in half (lengthwise) 1
- Pears - peeled, cored sliced (lengthwise) 2
- Frangipane ● Shortcrust Pastry ● A pie tray

FOR SHORTCRUST PASTRY

- All-Purpose flour 1 cup
- Unsalted butter 100 gm
- Sugar 3 tbsp
- An egg yolk
- Chilled water, a few tbsp

METHOD

- Combine ingredients (except water) in a processor. Add chilled water and process just enough to form a dough.

- Wrap dough and keep it chilled for a while (30 mins).

FOR FRANGIPANE

- Almonds 1 cup
- Unsalted butter 100g
- Sugar 3-4 tbsp
- Egg 1

METHOD

- Process almonds and sugar in a food processor. It should look like fairly coarse almond flour.

- Add in the butter and egg. Process till it is creamy enough to butter a toast, but still a little grainy.

FOR ARRANGEMENT AND BAKING

- Remove dough from the fridge and sprinkle some flour on a work surface. Roll out the dough to less than a quarter of an inch thick. Line your tray carefully. Roll out the upper crust and keep in the fridge.

- Blind bake your pie crust for about 15 mins (use the weight in parchment paper method). Once out of the oven, spread the bottom of the crust with Frangipane (just enough to get a decent layer). Tip this with sliced pears. Arrange them in a way that they create a flattish surface.

- Place one half of the halved pears in the middle.
- Remove the upper pie crust from the fridge and put it over the open pie, allowing it to take the shape of the halved pear. Carefully blanket everything and seal it in. Trim the edges. With any remaining pastry, make a tiny pear stalk and cut out a leaf (you don't need a cutter for this). Arrange it on the pear as you like. Give the upper crust a decent egg wash.

- Place the pie in a preheated oven (200°C) for about 30 mins or till golden brown. Remove from the oven and let it cool.



PEAR POWER

As the world celebrates Pear Day, city's home chefs showcase their favourite recipes with the fruit

- INGREDIENTS**
- Burrata 1
 - Pear cut into wedges 1
 - White wine vinegar/Distilled vinegar 1
 - All spice powder (grind clove, cinnamon, star anise in equal quantities) 1/2 tsp
 - Brown sugar 1 tbsp
 - Butter 1 tbsp

BURRATA, CARAMELISED PEAR AND WALNUTS

(Recipe by Anurag Arora, @anuragarorra)

METHOD

- Add butter and sugar to a pan over medium heat. Mix them with a spoon as the butter melts
- When the butter is bubbling, add pears to the pan. Get a nice brown colour on all sides.
- Add spice mix and toss for 30 seconds making sure the spices don't burn
- Remove the pears from the pan leaving the liquid behind
- Add 2 tbsp of white wine vinegar and cook for about 30 seconds to make a sauce
- On a plate, add the sauce at the bottom, then the burrata, and finally the pears
- Sprinkle some toasted walnuts and serve



UPSIDE-DOWN GINGERBREAD PEAR CAKE



INGREDIENTS

- Pears - peeled, cored and sliced (lengthwise) 3
- All-purpose flour 1 cup
- Baking soda 1 tsp
- Baking powder 1/2 tsp
- Milk 1/3 cup
- Ground ginger 2 tsp
- Cinnamon 1 tsp
- Pinch of salt
- A pinch of freshly ground pepper
- A handful of candied ginger
- Unsalted butter (melted), 1 stick +
- For caramel 4 tbsp
- Dark brown sugar 1/2 cup
- Light brown sugar 1/4 cup +
- For caramel, 1/2 cup
- Egg 1 large

FOR CARAMEL AND PEARS

- Melt 4 tbsp butter on stovetop and add/stir in 1/2 cup brown sugar to this.
- Pour this mixture to the bottom of a greased pan.
- Once this is done, arrange your sliced pears on top. Set aside while preparing gingerbread batter.

FOR GINGERBREAD BATTER

- Whisk together all the dry ingredients in a bowl.
- In a separate bowl, whisk together the dark and light brown sugar, butter, milk and egg.
- Add the dry ingredients to the wet mixture and whisk just enough to combine the ingredients (try not to overdo this).
- Pour batter over pear and caramel. Be careful while doing so.
- Bake in a preheated oven (180°C) for 25 mins (or more, depending on your oven). Keep a serving plate ready. Once done, invert your cake onto this plate very carefully.

Better with Bitters



BALAKRISHNAN SUBRAMANYAN

(The writer is resident mixologist, application specialist, Asia, Sakurafresh Beverage and Food)

A N important and widely used ingredient in cocktails is Bitters. Bitters is a blend of botanical, herbs and spice extracts, so that the end result is characterised by a bitter flavour. Originally, bitters were used as medicines, but over time, they have

evolved to being used as digestives and herbal infusions in addition to being used in a wide variety of cocktails in modern time.

Bitters, known as salt and pepper for cocktails, are used mainly to introduce an additional flavour profile to complement the taste of the cocktail. Ever since bitters came into use around two hundred years ago, they have always had an alcoholic base, usually around 30 to 40 per cent by volume. With the modern trend veering towards lowering alcohol content and consumption without compromising on the taste, more consumers and mixologists are finding non-alcoholic substitutes for bitters. We have something called "Better than Bitters" which is the first non-alcoholic bitters and is competing taste wise with traditional alcoholic Bitters. They have crafted 16 variants of small batched bitters made with natural ingredients, to suit every individual's taste profile from the classic Aromatic bitters, Orange bitters and Celery bitters to interesting flavour profiles like

Chrysanthemum, Mole, Tonka Bean to name a few.

There's now very little to differentiate the taste between alcoholic and non-alcoholic Bitters. Infact non-alcoholic Bitters give an added twist to mocktails, non-alcoholic beverages as well as cocktails. Some of these with suggested cocktails are:

Celery Bitters

Celery Bitters are a long-forgotten cocktail ingredient that add a nice savoury boost to the cocktail. It offers a well-rounded and a full bouquet of notes such as white sweet grape, high land



Shizuoka Sencha tea, lemon grass, celery leaf and fresh root ginger. Recommended for - Bloody Mary, Margarita, Daiquiri, Gin & Tequila Cocktails.

Cherry Bitters

If you love a good Manhattan, a drop or two of the Cherry Bitters adds complexity and balance to the cocktail. It also works for Cuba Libre, Manhattan, Martini, or an Old fashioned.

Mole Bitters

The award-winning Mole Bitters are a perfect addition to cocktails made with tequila, mezcal, or dark rum to bring a little chocolate, smoky flavour with a mere hint of heat. They are also recommended for coffees, teas, smoothies and milk shakes and Espresso Martini's.

Japanese Matcha Bitters

Matcha Bitters are made from Japanese Premium Matcha. It highlights complex umami flavours, and adds an earthy element and a retro hue to cocktails. Recommended for - Highballs, Sake Martinis or a Vodka Sour.



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A SHARADHAA

MANIPULATING the audience's emotions using a clever narrative is not rare in cinemas, but the success of such films lies in the way it connects with the viewers. *MadhaGaja* succeeds greatly in making that connection. Director S Mahesh Kumar gives emotionally rich scenes that are relatable. With an emotional story of a mom and son at the core, he has come up with a film that is also high on violence that is balanced out by romance and a bit of humour.

The film follows Surya (Sriimurali), an orphan, who makes a living as a real estate agent in Varanasi. He also earns some quick buck on the dead people that end up in the cremation ghat. Surya wants to rule the

Cast: Sriimurali, Ashika Ranganath, Jagapathi Babu, Devayani, Chikkanna, Ramachandra Raju, Rangayana Raghu, Shivaraj K R Pete, Dharmanna Kadur
Direction: S Mahesh Kumar



area, but a litigation case lands him and his friend (Chikkanna) in Shivagaada, a village in Karnataka. He finds his roots, and how he gets back his identity amid all the bloodshed is what *MadhaGaja* is about.

Director Mahesh, who made his debut with a love story *Ayogya*, needs to be applauded for the way he has handled the commercial script and for telling the story in a short run time. Kudos to Naveen Kumar's cinematography, which treats us to excellent landscapes and delightful

aerial shots.

Sriimurali, who has previously worked in a similar film, continues to impress with his performance in *MadhaGaja*. He excels in this mass avatar. On the other hand, Ashika has a different role to play and she brings elegance to the film as a rural belle. It is pleasant to watch Devayani as Rathnamma, who is the story's soul. Jagapathi Babu is seen in two shades, and it's a delight to watch the veteran actor, whenever he appears along with the lead hero. Anil as Veerabhadra and Ram as Tandava also make their presence felt.

The film sports a rich production design. Ravi Basur has neatly designed the background and songs that suit a commercial potboiler. *MadhaGaja*, made on a big scale, has all the ingredients of a wholesome entertainer. The treatment and presentation will cater to mass audiences and will be a treat to Sriimurali's fans.

ADIT NAVEEN'S BREAK FAILURE TO HIT SCREENS ON DEC 10

CE FEATURES

BREAK *Failure* will be among the slew of Kannada films to hit the screens on December 10. The film marks the directorial debut of Adit Naveen, who also plays the lead in it. The debutant has previously worked as an assistant in a couple of films.

Adit Naveen has come up with a suspense thriller, set on a college backdrop. Some crucial portions of the story take place in the forest. The film's lead cast also stars Krithi Gowda in the female lead and Ravi of *Ugramm* fame as the antagonist.

Break Failure has Abhishek G Roy and Kevin N scoring music and cinematography by Rishikesh. The film's stunts are by Nag Keerthi and the editing is by Alex.

"We have waited for almost two years to bring this film out and are running out of patience. We have no other choice but to release the film on the same day as many other films," says Adit Naveen.

The director, meanwhile, is getting ready for his next project. "The official launch of my second film will take place on January 12, and we will be unveiling the title and relevant details soon," he signs off.



Adit Naveen and Krithi Gowda

A middling remake but a decent star vehicle

TADAP
Cast: Ahan Shetty, Tara Sutaria, Saurabh Shukla, Kumud Mishra
Direction: Milan Luthria

AVINASH RAMACHANDRAN

IT is understandable why films like *Arjun Reddy* and *RX 100* have tremendous remake value. They have the potential to launch or relaunch the careers of leading men. Such films feature "alpha males" whose only vulnerability is the love of their lives. They are bolstered by a solid soundtrack. They get to showcase their physical attributes and are given the space to deliver pining performances. So yeah, it makes sense why Suniel Shetty zeroed in on *RX 100*, for his son Ahan Shetty's big Bollywood debut, *Tadap*.

A largely faithful remake of the 2018 sleeper hit, *Tadap* acts as the perfect showreel for Ahan, who does a decent job of embodying Ishana, a brooding, bearded, beefed-up violent youngster. We are shown how one look at his towering physique is enough for women to swoon over him. And the first one to swoon is Ramisa (an impressive Tara Sutaria), whose gaze at Ishana is a gender reversal of sorts. The camera



moves from his bulging biceps, his chiselled chest, and flat abs, and if not for Ramisa's lust-filled glances, this might seem like just another hero-introduction scene. While showcasing a woman's desire might seem like a step forward for an industry that thrives on a man's 'love-at-first-sight' romance, *Tadap* doesn't really do much to change that status quo.

In fact, there is nothing spectacularly new in *Tadap*. We have the done-to-death love story between a rich and influential girl and a common man. We have that one friend who encourages the hero to pursue the girl despite the overwhelming odds. We have that one

voice of reason that is not paid heed to. We have a hummable soundtrack by Pritam. But what made *RX 100* stand apart is a couple of twists that no one saw coming, and this is exactly what keeps *Tadap* afloat too. While director Milan Luthria and writer Rajat Arora hit the same highs and lows of the original, it is a surprise that the makers toned down the lust angle in *Tadap*. What made *RX 100* refreshing was the portrayal of Payal Rajput's unabashed desire for Kartikeya Gummakonda. Here, it is all rather toned down between Ishana and Ramisa.

Also, the proverbial twists in the tale carry the burden of adding freshness to a generic love story.

Since this is essentially a star vehicle for Ahan Shetty, there are enough moments written in the film for elevating the newcomer as the next action star of Bollywood. While the stunt choreography doesn't rise above repeated punches and third-degree torture techniques, Ahan gives it his all, and his physicality justifies the action hero tag. Tara shines in an interesting but thankless role. It is Kumud Mishra and Saurabh Shukla who bring in the necessary gravitas to *Tadap*. Even these veterans can't really save some of the lines, which are just too outdated. Be it the random rhyme schemes or the ostentatious attempts at poetic lines about eternal love, most of the dialogues are more distracting than engaging.

At the end of it all, we do warm up to Ahan, Tara, and their love story, and *Tadap* too is effective when it follows the beats of a template love story meets a star vehicle. However, just like the lead Ishana, *Tadap* too is, unfortunately, bogged down by its belief that it is not a generic tale of star-crossed lovers but an epic romance.



Shabaash Mithu to release theatrically on February 4

CE FEATURES

TAAPSEE Pannu-starrer *Shabaash Mithu* will release in theatres on February 4, 2022. Directed by Srijit Mukherji, the film is a biopic of Indian women's cricket captain Mithali Raj. The release date was announced on the occasion of Mithali's birthday. *Shabaash Mithu* chronicles 'the highs and lows, setbacks and moments of euphoria' of

Mithali's life. The film is written by Priya Aven and produced by Viacom18 Studios. It will also feature Vijay Raaz in a key role. Mithali Raj was born in a Tamil family in Jodhpur, Rajasthan. After playing domestically, she made her One Day International debut for India in 1999. She led the Indian side to the Women's Cricket World Cup final twice. She is also the highest run-scorer in women's international cricket.



ABHISHEK BACHCHAN KILLS THEM SOFTLY

BOB BISWAS

Cast: Abhishek Bachchan, Chitrangda Singh, Parin Bandopadhyay, Tina Desai, Purab Kohli
Direction: Diya Annapurna Ghosh
Streaming on: Zee5

SHILAJIT MITRA

THE Abhishek Bachchan anti-hero is a strange freak of nature. He can be surly but charming (*Yuva*); combative but noble (*Raavan*). He was strictly passable in *Breathe: Into The Shadows*, a show with all the psychological complexity of a six-year-old. And *Ludo* was pure sentiment: his po-faced gangster increasingly looked like he needed a hug.

I'm not sure where I stand on hugs with Abhishek's latest character. At first glance, insurance agent Bob Biswas is your stereotypical Bengali dork: bespectacled, podgy, shy. He has a soft, childlike smile, and hair parted down like a palm tree. He's a caricature, of course, but an oddly compelling one. He could be an old

friend you bump into on the Kolkata metro—a classmate you casually bullied once and never thought much of. He could tell you it was all fine. Or he might reach into his bag.

Bob Biswas, a spin-off to *Kahaani* (2012), is a strange film. Directed by Diya Annapurna Ghosh, it picks up several months before Vidya Bagchi comes looking for her husband in Kolkata. Bob—once Saswata Chatterjee, now Abhishek—has risen from a coma: some sort of an accident, we're told. His memory is gone and so are eight years of his life. We watch as he dazedly puts together the pieces—with sufficient misgivings. Are those picture-perfect wife and kids really his? And who are these people pushing him into a car and telling him he used to be a hitman?

Both questions loom large over Sujoy Ghosh's screenplay (who directed *Kahaani* and its 2016 unconnected sequel). Firstly, to put a contract killer in a domestic drama is to take his sinister edge off—the trick is better suited for spy thrillers, where an immediate contrast is needed. Bob's wife, Mary (Chi-

tranga Singh), is vaguely written—"Let's go to church" is the first thing she says—and the same can be said of his kids. Bob opens up to them, an investment almost certainly doomed from the start. There's also the trouble of easing him back into

his trade. The plot Sujoy fashions—concerning a hard, sleep-cancelling drug called 'blue'—is a jumble of cops, conspiracies and cinematic influences. It's like *Bob Biswas* wants to be *Breaking Bad*, *The Bourne Identity* and *The Family Man*

all at the same time.

Bob was a sideshow in *Kahaani*—in all likelihood, Saswata Chatterjee's cue-cards said things like 'creepy' and 'creepily entertaining.' Abhishek has a wider emotional space to fill. As often with spin-

offs, the character's morality—or his sense of morality—is the central conflict in the film. His victims in *Bob Biswas* are mostly bullies and thugs (even when he wrings the neck of a pet rabbit, our sympathies are with him). Around halfway, something truly dark is revealed—and the camera doesn't blink. It's the only time I sprang up in my seat; the rest of the film felt like a struggle to accommodate Abhishek's image within the gory demands of a serial killer flick.

Cinematographer Gairik Sarkar shoots a dense, noirish Calcutta. There's no Howrah Bridge or unfinished Durga idols, though a mention of Paris Bar (venue changed) made me homesick. Bob and Mary's house overlooks a pond: it looks unremarkable by day, weirdly ominous at night. Little sonic cues flesh out the world (the buzz of traffic, Kishore Kumar's '*E Ki Holo*' playing in a cab). There are mistakes, too. The Factory Outlet on Southern Avenue opened in 2019, so why does Bob visit it

in a pre-coma flashback?

Abhishek spends the first half getting his bearings. His blushing and blinking fits conveniently into the scheme of things. It makes you think if actors who play amnesiacs get off easily—perhaps not, since the old instincts must show. The scene where Bob assembles his revolver—confidently, without instruction—is a fine demonstration of this. The actor holds his own against the best of Bengali cinema royalty: Parin Bandopadhyay, Rajatava Dutta, Kanchan Mullick.

Abhishek never speaks any Bengali, though it's touching to hear him say 'Darjeeling' with an accent. Does Bob ever make it there? The answer, even to first-time viewers of the franchise, should be obvious. Origin stories usually play out at a distance—six seasons to kill, say, before Jimmy becomes Saul. The approach not only guarantees future instalments but also lets a certain looseness slip into the narrative. This film, however, punts all that. The climax feels rushed. Bob has an appointment to keep, and can't be late. Not even 'ek minute'.

